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Saffron the new silver in Kashmir highlands

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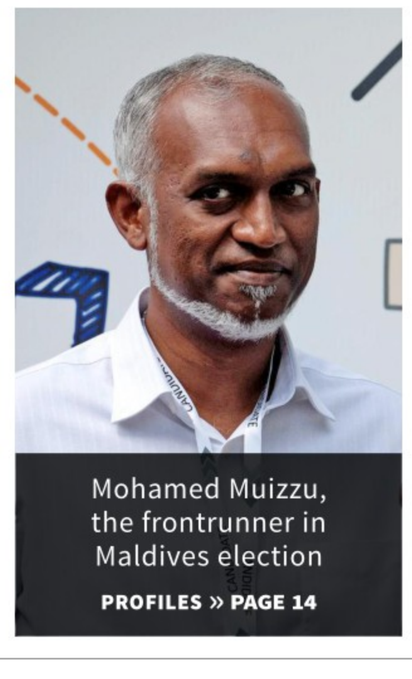

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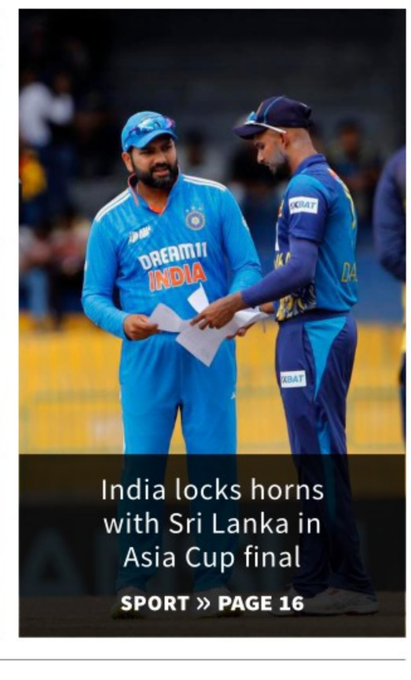

India locks horns with Sri Lanka in Asia Cup final

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91 projects worth ₹7,660 crore approved

BENGALURU
The State Level Single Window Clearance Committee (SLSWCC) on Friday cleared 91 industrial investment proposals worth ₹7,659.52 crore with an employment generation potential of 18,146 within Karnataka. The SLSWCC committee, at a meeting, approved 26 projects involving more than ₹50 crore investment. » Page 6

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AI cameras gun for poachers

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Wildlife officials at one of the most populous tiger zones in India are experimenting with a new set of camera traps – or cameras with infrared sensors deployed in forests to count wild animals or monitor the movement of potential poachers – that harness the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

In experiments under way at the Kanha-Pench corridor in Madhya Pradesh, the system has, for the first time, caught poachers on camera that – a year down – helped forest authorities secure a conviction, according to a person involved in the experiment.

Cameras set up in remote regions are a key tool in surveys and census counts of tigers and elephants but have limitations such as requiring personnel physically access the machine to prise photos.

Poachers caught on an AI camera.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

They are also bulky and are not always optimised to conserve charge to keep the instruments running.

The new kind of camera set-up, called the TrailGuard AI camera-alert system, being tested are slim devices that can be inconspicuously set up within the foliage of trees.

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Will make INDIA bloc an electoral success: CWC

Congress Working Committee resolution says the formation of the INDIA bloc has rattled the PM and the BJP; the alliance's success will free the country from divisive and polarising politics

Sandeep Phukan
HYDERABAD

The newly constituted Congress Working Committee (CWC), at its first meeting in Hyderabad on Saturday, welcomed the "continuing consolidation" of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) and resolved to make it "an ideological and electoral success".

Claiming that the Opposition bloc has rattled Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP, the resolution said, "The CWC reiterates the Congress party's resolve to make the INDIA initiative an ideological and electoral success so that our country is freed from divisive and polarising politics; the forces of social equity and justice are strengthened; and the people get a Union government that is responsible, responsive, sensitive, transparent and accountable".

Loud and clear: The party also made it clear that it would refuse to get drawn into the *Sanatana Dharma* debate. NAGARA GOPAL

The Congress also made it clear that it would refuse to get drawn into the *Sanatana Dharma* debate and reiterated its stance of respecting all religions. While former party chief Rahul Gandhi, said a source, referred to the issue as a "distraction," senior leader Digvijaya Singh advised a cautious approach.

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ (ಕೆಕೆಆರ್‌ಡಿಬಿ), ಕಲಬುರಗಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಸುಧಾಕರ್, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಯೋಜನೆ, ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಯೋಜನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಖ್ಯಿಕ ಸಚಿವರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ, ಕ.ಕ.ಪ್ರ.ಅ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಪ್ರಗತಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಸಭೆ ನಡೆಸಿದ ಸಾಂದರ್ಭಿಕ ಚಿತ್ರ.

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ಸರ್ವರಿಗೂ ಆದರದ ಹಾರ್ದಿಕ ಸ್ವಾಗತ

ಅನುಚ್ಛೇದ 371(ಜೆ) ದಶಮಾನೋತ್ಸವದ ಅಂಗವಾಗಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಸಭಾ ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನ ಖರ್ಗೆ ರವರಿಗೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಅಜಯ ಧರ್ಮಸಿಂಗ್, ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಕ.ಕ.ಪ್ರ.ಅ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಇವರು ಶುಭಾಶಯ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ಸಂದರ್ಭ.

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2023-24 ನೇ ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ:
₹5,000 ಕೋಟಿ
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2,618
ಅಕ್ಷರ ಮಿತ್ರ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕ ಹುದ್ದೆ ಭರ್ತಿ

25%
ಅನುದಾನ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಮೀಸಲು

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ಭೌತಿಕ ಪ್ರಗತಿಯ ನೋಟ: (2013-2023)

29,215
ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ.

24,563
ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ.

ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಪ್ರಗತಿಯ ನೋಟ: (2013-2023)

₹10,228.80 ಕೋಟಿ
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ಡಾ॥ ಅಜಯ್ ಸಿಂಗ್
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ಹಾಗೂ ಶಾಸಕರು, ಜೇವರ್ಗಿ

Behind the scenes: Men lifting the *Koombu*, a bronze structure to be fitted at the front end of the *palliyodam*.

Final touches: The *palliyodam* being decorated with garlands.

Hands on deck: Oarsmen waiting for the rest of the team to arrive.

Ready to row: *Palliyodams* lined up at the Pampa river in Aranmula.

Palliyodams of Aranmula

Aranmula, a river-side village in Kerala, is known for its grand set of traditions involving enchanting snake boats, festive choruses and delicious feasts

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Just as the monsoon over Kerala enters its second leg, Aranmula, a river-side village in Pathanamthitta – a part of former Travancore, kicks off preparations to host a flotilla of snake boats along its banks. Men, on board decorated boats called *Palliyodams*, will soon start dropping in here from the 52 villages along the serene banks of the Pampa – from the hilly Edakulam upstream to the backwater landscape of Chennithala, in Alappuzha.

Dressed identically in white dhotis and *melmundu*, they ignore the harsh noon sun by rowing to the tune of the rhythmic *vanchipattu* (boat songs) to reach Aranmula and are received with much fanfare at the ghats here. In an atmosphere charged with devotion, they climb the flight of steps that lead to the Sree Parthasarathy temple and proceed to the temple and circumambulate it for sometime – grooving to the verses all the while, before finally entering it.

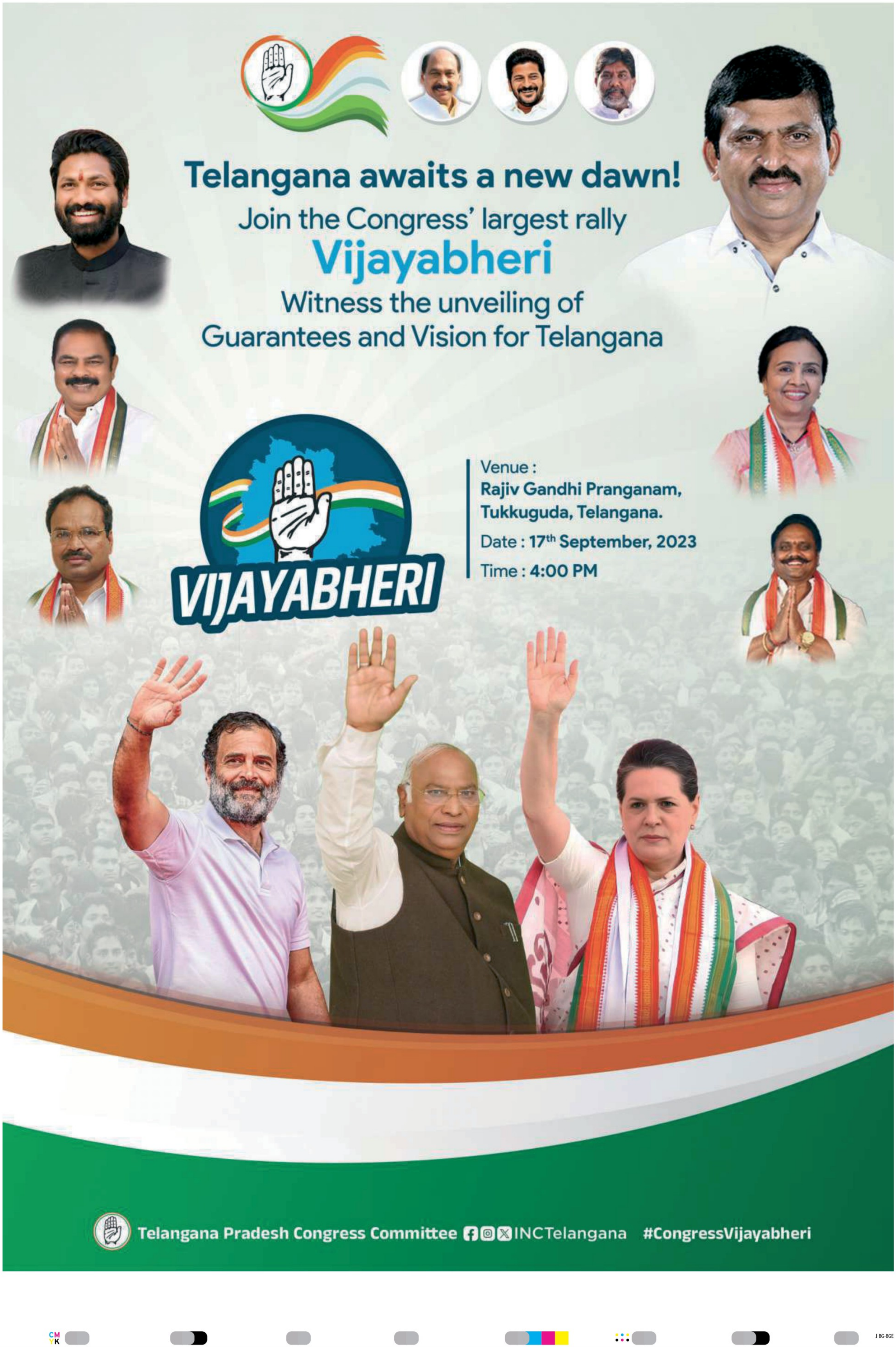
The music session resumes soon afterwards as the crew enter a dining hall here to feast on the *Vallasadya,* a ritual offering to the presiding deity Lord Parthasarathy. This time, the songs do not intend to praise the deity but to request refills of their dishes. Each item a couplet has to be recited, which spices up the sumptuous lunch. Typically incorporating up to 64 dishes, this *Vallasadya* is the largest of its kind and is popularly called 'the feast of feasts'.

The *Vallasadyas* are organised by the devotees every year from the second leg of July, or when the Malayalam month of *Karkidakam* kicks off, for a period of 72 days. And as Onam sets in, rituals meet revelry as the *Thiruvonathoni*, which set off from Kattoor on the previous day, reaches the temple ghat early in morning. The special boat, accompanied by a regatta of *palliyodams* , brings in the provisions and vegetables for preparing the Onam feast.

Four days later, the *palliyodams* will line up once again on the Pampa here, for a regatta called the *Uthrattathi* Boat race. Then comes the grand feast on the *Ashtami Rohini* day, which is served to all the devotees converging at the temple. The *vallasadya* ritual will continue for a few more weeks afterwards and will draw to a close on October 2. By that time, over three lakh people will have attended the celebrations here.

Text: Hiran Unnikrishnan

All aboard: The journey to the Aranmula Parthasarathy Temple begins.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BMTC official loses ₹95,000 to conman

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A senior official with the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) lost ₹95,687 to a man, who posed first as a customer care executive and later as a deputy commissioner of police (DCP) with the "Mumbai crime branch" and informed her that her Aadhaar card had been misused. Later, he accessed her bank account details on the pretext of verification and got the money transferred.

The victim complained to the South division cybercrime police that she received a phone call from an unknown number on Wednesday afternoon and the caller identified himself as an executive with an international courier company. He informed her that a parcel in her name contained drugs and asked her to contact the customer care service for further details. Shocked, the victim called the number shared with her and said she did not know anything about the parcel. A few minutes later, a person posing as a DCP from the Mumbai crime branch called her over an app and said someone had misused her Aadhaar for illegal activities. Assuring to help her, the accused asked her to follow the instructions and transfer the money to his account for verification. Trusting him, she followed the instructions. She realised that she had been duped after the caller went incommunicado.

In a similar incident, a private firm employee complained to the West division cybercrime police on the same day that conmen posing as courier executives and a CBI officer threatened him with couriering drugs and made away with ₹13.6 lakh on the pretext of verification.

Earlier this week, Police Commissioner B. Dayananda launched a campaign to create awareness and share different types of fraud committed by cyber crooks.

Police meet with gig workers, issue advisory to ensure their safety

Steps such as training in safety measures, SOS protocols for workers were among those discussed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With over 50 incidents of attacks on gig workers being reported in and around the city, the Additional Commissioner of Police (East division) Raman Gupta along with senior police officials of the southeast and Whitefield divisions held a meeting with gig workers and their companies on Saturday to discuss law and order and safety issues.

"There are other issues where delivery executives are being used for peddling drugs and other illegal items. Also, the safety of women passengers commuting on bike taxis, especially during the night time, is also an area of concern. There is also the issue of safety of gig workers working at night, which was discussed," Mr. Gupta who chaired the meeting told *The Hindu*.

In focus: Over 50 incidents of attacks on gig workers have been reported in and around Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

C.K. Baba, DCP (Southeast), who proposed steps such as training in safety measures and SOS protocols for gig workers, as well a WhatsApp group and a command center similar to the control room to monitor the staff who are on duty, said the first and foremost thing gig workers should do is to report the incident. Many gig workers do not report the incident, making it difficult for the police to take immediate measures, Mr. Baba said.

'Collaboration needed'

"The IT and e-commerce industry linked to the gig industry is making the lives of people in the city easy and comfortable. Along with this, it poses certain challenges for the ground-level staff and their ecosystem. There is a need for collaboration and some measures to ensure the safety of the ground-level workers, which were discussed," Mr. Baba said.

Representatives of over 20 companies linked to the gig work and service industry participated in the meeting and agreed to implement the measures.

Amid opposition, Ola brings back bike taxi service in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Mobile app-driven ride-hailing company Ola announced reintroduction of its bike taxi service in the city on Saturday.

In a post on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Ola co-founder and CEO Bhavish Aggarwal announced the revival of Ola Bike service. He specified that Ola would exclusively use its S1 range of scooters for this service. "For just ₹25 for 5km and ₹50 for 10km, offering both affordability and comfort while being eco-friendly! We plan to expand this service throughout India in the upcoming months."

An Ola spokesperson told *The Hindu* that the service is scheduled for an official launch in Bengaluru some time next week.

The announcement comes days after autorickshaw and cab drivers vented their ire on bike taxi drivers at a strike called by the Federation of Karnataka State Private Transport Association on September 11. Many bike taxi riders were thrashed allegedly by auto drivers in the city during the protests.

Bike taxi services made their debut in the city in 2015-16. Since then, the services have always operated amid controversies.

When aggregators, including Bengaluru-based start-ups, introduced the services, the Transport Department came down heavily on them by impounding vehicles and booking cases against owners of two-wheelers who attached their vehicles with the aggregators. Continued action by the department forced the aggregators to either suspend or stop the services for some time.

Later in the day, Mr. Aggarwal announced that the company would be starting Ola e-bike taxi services in a town with less than one lakh population in the State next week.

14 peddlers arrested, drugs worth ₹7.8 crore seized in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a major crackdown, officials of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Saturday arrested 14 alleged drug peddlers operating in and around Bengaluru, and recovered synthetic drugs worth ₹7.8 crore, including ephedrine, which according to Police Commissioner B. Dayananda, was seized for the first time in the city. The source of the ephedrine is part of the ongoing investigation, Mr. Dayananda said. Among the 14 alleged peddlers, three are foreign nationals while the others are from Odisha, Kerala, and Bengaluru.

The accused used to source the drugs from their native places and sell them to IT professionals and students in the city, said the police.

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Dated this 17th day of September 2023 at Bangalore

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H.S.R Layout, Bangalore – 560 102.
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This is to inform to the General Public that my client Mr. PRABHULAL CHOUDHARY S/o Hiraramji, Residing at No.344/56, Mathaji Nivas, 7th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560 085, Mob: 9880848724 and Mrs. SUSHILA DEVI W/o Likhmaram, Residing at Rachana Fasion, Kote, Hosakote Town - 562 114, Bangalore Rural District, have interested to purchase the below mentioned schedule property. Now the Vendor of the Schedule property by name Smt. Nagarathanamma D/o Muniyamma and Smt. Akkayamma D/o Muniyamma and their family members are absolute owner of the schedule property and they are in peaceful possession and enjoyment. The Public is hereby inform that any person having any kind of objection for Sale conveyance of the suit schedule property by the Vendors herein above or any person even claiming any right, interest or share or any part of the schedule property, thereby such persons should immediately contact us of the address or through proof. Member given below together with their documents or client proof within seven (7) days from the date publication in this Public notice, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated time, it will be presumed that there are no claim/objection and my client will then be free to conclude the transaction in respect of the said property.

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M. HAREESH, Advocate
Venkamma Complex, 1st Floor,
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ABHINAV .R, Advocate
M/s. Kumar & Kumar Advocates "Central Chambers" F-113, 3rd Floor, 2nd Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560009.
Date:16-09-2023

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
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Dated : 13-09-2023

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Senior Divisional Materials Manager
PUB/375/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Bengaluru**
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr. Ganisetti Srinivas, S/o. Mr. G. Veeraraghavulu, intending to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owner Mr. Manish Kansara S/o. Sri. Damodar Kansara residing at No. 81-II-C, Kamla Nehru Nagar, Jodhpur, Rajasthan-342008.

If any persons, banks, financial intuitions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 308, 2BHK, measuring 1280 Sq. Ft. of SBA in the Third Floor in Block- 'A' of "METROPOLIS ELECTRA". Constructed in the converted land bearing Sy. Nos. 134/2 & 134/5 Situated at Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on: East by : Road, West by:Land bearing Sy. No.134/4, North by :Land bearing Sy. No.132/2 belonging to Ramyamma, South by : Road.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates, # 96, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore- 68, Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
Bangalore, Date : 16-09-2023

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/18/2023 Dated : 25-05-2023

Name of the Work : Construction of New Broad Gauge line including Signal & Telecommunication, Electrification & Electrical General Service works between Mid Section (Km:5.72) and Kuppam (Km:23.7) of Marikuppam - Kuppam New Line Project. **(Tender Ref. No.: W.496/MKM-KPN-EPC-PHASE-2)**

Date of Closing	
Existing	**Revised**
09-10-2023 (11:00 Hrs)	**30-10-2023 (11:00 Hrs)**

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Deputy Chief Engineer / Construction / Works
Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/373/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum-6 to E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/EPC/100 Dated : 26-10-2022

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Construction of Electrified New Broad Gauage Line Track between Malugur (CH:0.000) to Palasamudram (Ch:17180.000) including Signalling Telecommunication & Electrical works (17.18 Km). **(Tender Ref. No. MLU-PALASAMUDRAM-EPC-01)**	**Rs. 232,05,30,000/-**

Bid Due Date	
Existing	**Revised**
04-10-2023 (15:00 Hrs)	**25-10-2023 (15:00 Hrs)**

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BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004
No. GSD/SCRAP/AUCTION PROGRAMME/03/2023-24 Date: 14.09.2023
AUCTION PROGRAMME NOTICE NO. GSD/BLW/SCRAP/03/2023-24

Following are be schedule of e-auction to be held in the month of **October, November & December' 2023**. For sale of on line and deport scrap under the jurisdictions of GSD/BLW/Depot, Varanasi. **Types of Auction :** e-auction from (10:30 Hrs.), **Venue :** GSD/BLW/BSB, **e-auction Date of October - 2023 :** 3rd, 10th, 17th, -, 31st, **e-auction Date of November-2023:** 07th, 14th, 21st, 28th, -, **e-auction Date of December-2023:** 05th, 12th, 19th, 26th. **Note:** You are requested to actively participate in the above scheduled e-auction. For details please contact to Dy. CMM/Depot to participate in e-Auction please visit **IREPS** website at **www.ireps.gov.in**.

PRO/BLW/S-62 **Dy.CMM/Loco**

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No PCB 107 Infra EPH 2023/3195 **Date:12/09/2023**

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board has proposed to develop Devanahalli General Industrial Area over an extent of land 399.25 Hectare (986.57 Acres) situated at Arvanahalli, Doddagollahalli, Chapparadahalli, Bairadenahalli Villages, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk and Nagadenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka. The project requires obtaining Environmental Clearance as per EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 and it is required to conduct Environmental Public Hearing process as part of it. Accordingly, the project proponent has obtained Terms of Reference (ToR) issued by SEIAA vide letter No.SEIAA 13 IND 2023, dated 04.03.2023. Accordingly, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board, on 19.10.2023 as agreed by the Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru Rural District, as per details given below and as per request of project proponent vide letter No.KIADB/ EE-3/468/2023-24, dated 11.08.2023:

The details of the project are as follows:

1	**Name of the Company & Address.:** The Executive Engineer-3, Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board, No14/3, 1st Floor, Maharshi Arvavinda Bhavana, Nrupatunga Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.
2	**Proposed location of the project :** Arvanahalli, Doddagollahalli, Chapparadahalli, Bairadenahalli Villages, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk and Nagadenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka.
3	**Details of activity :** Formation of industrial area consisting of Plots to establish industries.
4	**Date, time and venue of public hearing:** 19th October 2023 Thursday at 11.00 AM at the Project Site Office location, near Bramhi Resort, Sy.No: 60, Bairadenahalli, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka.
5	**Capital Investment:** Rs.306.3 Crors.
6	**Places of project documents kept for public perusal:** **1.** Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District, Devanahalli. **2.** Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bengaluru Rural District, Devanahalli. **3.** District Industries Centre, D C Office Complex, Devanahalli. **4.** Taluk Office, Devanahalli. **5.** Taluk Office, Doddaballapura. **6.** TMC Devanahalli. **7.** CMC Doddaballapura. **8.** Koira Grama Panchayath Office & Vishwanathapura Grama Panchayath Offices, Devanahalli Taluk, & Duddanahalli Grama Panchayath Office, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. **9.** Office of the Regional Office Hosakote, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Nisarga Bhavana, Ground Floor, 7th D Main, Timmaiaha Road, Saneguruvanahalli, Shivanagara, Bengaluru 560 010. **10.** Office of the Regional Office Doddaballapura, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Urban Eco Park, 100 feet Road, Peenya 3rd Phase, Bengaluru-560 058. **11.** Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru 560 034. **12.** HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site who are likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. They can also make oral/written/ E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **http://kspcb.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಟಿ. ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕುಮಾರ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560 020.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ/ವಿಭೂಸ್ವಾಅ–1/ಡಾ॥ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ.ಎಲ್/38/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.09.2023

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಸೋಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಅಧಿಸೂಚಿತ ಖಾತೆದಾರರು, ಅನುಭವದಾರರು, ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆದಾರರು ಹಾಗೂ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸಕ್ತ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಡಾ॥ ಶಿವರಾಮಕಾರಂತ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ರಚಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಬಿಡಿಎ/ಕಮೀಷನರ್/ಡಿಸಿ(ಎಲ್ಎ)/ಎಸ್ಎಲ್ಎಒ/ಎ5/ಪಿಆರ್/283/2008–09, ದಿನಾಂಕ 30/12/2008 ನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಅದನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 31/12/2008 ರ ಭಾಗ–3, ಪುಟ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1368 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

Dr. K.Shivarama Karantha Layout (Left out land in the PN and FN which are identified within the layout) ರಚಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಅಇ/265/ಬೆಂಭೂಸ್ವಾ/2022, ದಿನಾಂಕ 16/08/2022 ನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಅದನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 23/08/2022 ರ ಭಾಗ–3, ಸಂಪುಟ 157, ಸಂಚಿಕೆ 169 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ Civil Appeal No. 7661-63/2018 (Arising out of S.L.P(C) No. 10216-10218/2018) Dated: 03/08/2018 ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಅಇ/553/ಬೆಂಭೂಸ್ವಾ/2018 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29/10/2018 ರಂತೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ಡಾ. ಕೆ.ಶಿವರಾಮ ಕಾರಂತ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು 3546 ಎಕರೆ 12 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಡಾವಣೆ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976 ಕಲಂ 18(3) ರಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಯುಡಿಡಿ/553/ಎಂಎನ್ಎಕ್ಸ್/2018 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30/10/2018 ರಂದು ಬಿಡಿಎ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976 ಕಲಂ 19(1) ರನ್ವಯ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01/11/2018 ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ Miscellaneous Application Nos: 1614-1616/2019, 1346-1348/2019 in Civil Appeal No. 7661-63/2018 Dated: 29/09/2021 ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಅಇ/553/ಬೆಂಭೂಸ್ವಾ/2018 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29/10/2018 ರಂತೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು Dr. K.Shivarama Karantha Layout (Left out land in the PN and FN which are identified within the layout) ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು 245 ಎಕರೆ 16 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಡಾವಣೆ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976 ಕಲಂ 18(3) ರಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಯುಡಿಡಿ/265/ಎಂಎನ್ಎಕ್ಸ್/2022(ಇ) ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18/10/2022 ರಂದು ಬಿಡಿಎ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976 ಕಲಂ 19(1) ರನ್ವಯ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21/10/2022ರ ಭಾಗ–3, ಸಂಚಿಕೆ 213, ಸಂಪುಟ 157, ಪುಟ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 12270 ರಿಂದ 12297 ರವರೆಗೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ದಿನಾಂಕ: **21/09/2023**ರಂದು

1. ಸೋಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 58, 64, 65/2, 74, 2/5, 2/7, 27/1A, 27/3, 27/4, 27/5, 27/6, 27/7, 27/8, 27/9, 27/10, 37/1 ಮತ್ತು 37/3
2. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 60/5.

ಈ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಖಾತೆದಾರರು, ಅನುಭವದಾರರು ಮತ್ತು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸಕ್ತ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 12(2)ರಡಿ ಅವಾರ್ಡ್ ನೋಟೀಸ್ನ್ನು ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ವಿಳಾಸಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ಪೀಡ್ ಪೋಸ್ಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ 12(2) ನೋಟೀಸ್ ತಲುಪದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನೇ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 12(2) ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಎಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ, ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್ಗಳ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಮರ–ಮಾಲ್ಕಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ಸಮೇತವಾಗಿ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನವನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 16(1)ರನ್ವಯ ಹಸ್ತಾಂತರಿಸಲು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಿದೆ. ಇಲ್ಲವಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕ್ರಮ ಜರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಕಲಂ 12(2) ಎಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದು ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ನೀಡುವಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹಕರಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು–1, ಡಾ॥ ಕೆ. ಶಿವರಾಮ ಕಾರಂತ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

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Scrap dealer stabbed to death

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BENGALURU

A scrap dealer was stabbed to death near Tin Factory in Mahadevapura on Saturday night.

Rafiq Ahmed, 28, was found in a pool of blood with stab injuries. Passers-by alerted the police who took him to a hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The police suspect that he was killed by his friend over a trivial row.

Timings
BENGALURU

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Bengaluru	28	20

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Celebrations in city are now a pale shadow of yesteryear grandeur

But for big associations and organisations, the number of people organising musical nights and other cultural programmes has come down significantly

GANESHA CHATURTHI

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Cultural show: A file photo of actor and dancer Hema Malini performing at a Ganesha Chaturthi programme in Bengaluru.

Not long ago, Ganesha Chaturthi was eagerly awaited by not just households, but residents of various streets and localities, as they came together to participate in the festivities that included stage shows that often doubled as a talent hunt of sorts.

Today, the celebration is a pale shadow of yesteryear grandeur. It is limited to the installation and worship of the idol, procession, distribution of *prasada*, and immersion of the idol, for the most part. But for big associations and organisations, the number of people organising musical nights and other cultural events has come down significantly.

A stepping stone

"Earlier, various organisations would organise cultural events by State and national-level singers, dancers, musicians, and actors for the Ganesha festival. Orchestra by Manjula Gururaj, B.K. Sumitra, and others were really famous. There used to be a huge crowd for dramas of Master Hirannaiah, Harikathe programmes of Gururajulu Naidu and his daughter Shobha Naidu, and others. But these days, we do not see any crowd pullers like them," said T.R. Mohan, an ex-serviceman and resident of Srinivasanagar.

Ganesha festival was also the stepping stone for various political and social leaders. "But even this trend has dwindled. Politicians only misuse the festival for political gains and the public tend to show disinterest owing to this," said Umashankar, a member of the Panchamukhi Vinayaka Yuvakara Balaga, Hanumanthanagar.

"Earlier, on the occasion of Ganesha festival, we used to conduct not only cultural programmes, but also social service activities such as eye and health check-up camps, blood donation camp, and tree planting. We used to invite writers, actors, and achievers in society. But now all these things have stopped, and celebrations are limited to only a few cultural programmes," he added.

'Price rise a challenge'

While Shashidhar Kote, a singer, said the number of cultural events had reduced drastically with compared with earlier years, singer M.D. Pallavi is not seeing a dearth of events. She is booked for seven programmes. "According to me, Ganesha festival means cultural events. However, in the recent days, price rise has become a major challenge to organise cultural events," she said.

Orchestra singer Bharath said, "Earlier, starting with the Ganesha festival, we would be booked well until Kannada Rajyostava in November. But now, there are no live orchestras. Events are dominated by instrumental music programmes. There is no demand for signers. The glory of old style Ganesha festival will never come back." Old timers in the city say they miss the 'golden days of yore'. Ravi, a resident of Jayanagar, said, "In those days, public Ganesha festival celebrations were the talent hunt stages for children who showed off various hidden talent on stage, including dancing, singing, mimicry, and drama. But, after reality shows became popular on TV, this has died. Parents and children prefer to sit in front of the TV or surf social media."

BBMP designates 38 lakes for immersion of Ganesha idols

All set: Water has been pumped into the immersion pond abutting Yediyur lake in Bengaluru ahead of Ganesha Chaturthi. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As many as 418 mobile tanks will be pressed into service across the city by the BBMP

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has designated 38 lakes in the city as temporary immersion sites and 418 mobile tanks will be pressed into service for immersion of Ganesha idols on Ganesha Chaturthi.

The organisers who wish to install idols in public have to apply at the single-window clearance centre in their area. The civic body has opened 63 centres at sub-divisional levels.

The BBMP has reiterated that the use of plaster of Paris idols is banned in the city and that only clay idols must be installed. Nodal officers have been appointed in 63 sub-divisions to monitor the festival.

For more information, people can contact the helpline number 1533 or log on to https://apps.bbmpgov.in/ganesh2023/.

Meanwhile, city Police Commissioner B. Dayananda has warned that forceful collection of donations for the Ganesha festival is illegal and strict action will be taken against those found guilty. He said that elaborate security arrangements had been made to ensure a peaceful Ganesha Chaturthi and reiterated that organisers should follow the guidelines, failing which they would be held accountable and strict action taken against them. Organisers should get the necessary permission to install Ganesha idols in public places, and sound and music should be restricted between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., he said.

He also said that permission for the procession route should be taken from the local police and bursting crackers and music in front of the prayer halls is prohibited.

Shri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

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Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister of Karnataka

Kalyana Karnataka Festival and
371(J) Implementation Decade Celebration

Warm Wishes for vibrant people of Kalyana Karnataka

For the people of 'Kalyana Karnataka,' the enactment of Article 371(J) has been a decade-long journey, resulting from their relentless efforts to secure employment and educational reservations, as well as special grants. This significant milestone in the constitution was achieved through their persistent struggle.

Following the principles of Basavanna's 'Arive Guru' and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's philosophy of 'Prabuddha Bharat,' Gram Panchayat libraries are being transformed into 'Arivu Kendra.' In the Kalyana Karnataka region, 939 libraries are currently undergoing upgrades, with the aim of empowering these centres for the task of knowledge dissemination. Additionally, the monthly remuneration for librarians is being increased, and a minimum wage facility has been provided.

In Gram Panchayats across the state, 4,000 'Koosina Mane' childcare centres are being introduced to cater to the nurturing and care of rural labourers' children. The establishment of 881 such centres is currently in progress in the Kalyana Karnataka region.

A grant of 100 crores has been allocated for the construction of 400 community toilet complexes in the Kalyana Karnataka region, with each complex estimated to cost around 25 lakhs. The construction is set to take place in 218 villages across seven districts of KK Region.

NICE (Nagavi Institute of Competitive Examination) centre is being established at Vajpayee Layout of Kalaburagi Nagar with the aim of providing competitive examination training to unemployed graduates from the Kalyana Karnataka region. The centre is designed to accommodate and train approximately 2,000 candidates annually.

Through the Rural Water Supply Scheme, 658 crores have been spent to provide drinking water access for 2.33 lakh households.

Health screenings for 21 lakh labourers across the state are taking place at MNREGA work sites under the Grama Health Program. Additionally, a grant of Rs 1,201 crores has been provided for the sustainable income of 19,800 farmers and the expansion of cultivation over 26,507 acres under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA scheme.

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Award for 'EV Power Plus' bus of KSRTC

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The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation's (KSRTC) electric bus 'EV Power Plus' has won the Electric Bus of the Year award.

The KSRTC clinched the award during the 10th edition of the National Award for Leadership and Excellence in Electric Vehicles event, which was organised by World Manufacturing Congress in Bengaluru.

The KSRTC is operating electric buses on various routes, including Mysuru, Madikeri, Virajpet, Shivamogga, Davangere, and Chikkamagaluru.

In addition, the KSRTC has earned recognition for its innovative HR practices at the 22nd Asia Pacific HRM Congress and received two awards – Best in Class Employer and Best in Class Safety Initiative – at the 15th Express Logistics and Supply Chain Leadership Awards.

REVA varsity celebrates Engineers' Day

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Reva University celebrated Engineers' Day on the university campus on Friday.

R. Jai Prasad, chairman, Technical Committee, Karnataka Road Development Corporation Ltd., who was the chief guest for the programme, spoke about the contributions of Sir M. Visvesvaraya. 'Sir MV was an example of exemplary zeal among engineers. His service to Karnataka and the whole country remains immortal," Mr. Prasad said.

Laxmesh Hasanabadi, vice-president and head-Missiles and Aerospace, business head-Precision Manufacturing and Systems at Larsen and Toubro Ltd., who was the guest of honour, said, "I believe that engineers are supposed to be jubilant, active, and positively restless. Hence I urge you all to be vibrant and become vibrant and successful in future by pursuing your goals."

Umesh S. Raju, Pro-Chancellor, REVA University, presided over the event.

Commuters seek increase in frequency of metro trains, citing surge in patronage

Passengers point to the crowding at Baiyappanahalli and Kempegowda stations during both peak and non-peak hours. BMRCL says it is implementing multiple measures to tackle the issue

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A file photo of a Namma Metro station.

It was a common sight to witness metro passengers pushing their fellow commuters while using the staircase and escalator at Baiyappanahalli and Majestic stations on Saturday, even as passengers disregarded queues at the stations despite the guards' attempts to guide them into forming lines to board the trains. As the wait for the train commenced, the crowd only swelled.

As Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCL) prepares to operationalise the full length of the Purple Line this month, commuters have urged the authorities to improve the frequency of trains. Opening of the K.R. Pura to Whitefield section has seen a surge in commuters, leading to crowding in trains, they said.

Citing crowding at Baiyappanahalli and Kempegowda (Majestic) stations during both peak and non-peak hours, passengers are urging the BMRCL to increase frequency of trains to enhance the comfort and convenience of metro journeys.

Mahalaxmi Chandrasekhar, a regular commuter from Baiyappanahalli, said, "Even during non-peak hours, metro coaches are consistently packed, and the stations are bustling with crowds. It's high time the frequency of trains was increased. I travel on the metro around 12.30 p.m., and sometimes at 2.30 p.m. in accordance with my office hours. Both these times used to be relatively quiet until recently. Over the past three months, however, I've noticed a significant surge in passengers. It's time to boost the frequency of metro services."

Aman Shah, a regular commuter from Indiranagar, said, "During peak hours, boarding the train can be quite challenging, especially at Majestic station, where the crowds can become overwhelming, making it suffocating both at the station and in the metro itself. It's crucial for the BMRCL to enhance station capacity to better accommodate passengers, and consider increasing frequency of its services."

Recently, at Baiyappanahalli metro station, authorities acknowledged commuters' concerns regarding congestion on both the escalator and staircase. In response, the BMRCL installed an additional escalator at Baiyappanahalli station.

However, the BMRCL has not been able to alleviate the congestion on the escalators and stairs at Majestic station.

Bhuvan K.S., a regular commuter, said, "There have been numerous videos depicting the overwhelming crowds at Majestic metro station going viral on social media. The BMRCL needs to proactively undertake initiatives to reduce crowding at the station."

BMRCL officials said they were implementing multiple measures to tackle the issue, including the operation of short-loop metro services during peak hours, which redirects crowds to less congested stations, and a train frequency of three minutes or less.

Short-loop services

A senior BMRCL official said, "During peak hours, we have managed to run trains in under 3 minutes on the Purple Line, and 5 minutes on the Green Line. During non-peak hours, train interval ranges from 8 to 10 minutes. Short-loop services have proven effective in relieving crowded stations and reducing congestion within metro coaches.

"In the future, as the metro system continues to expand, the frequency of services will be further enhanced to ensure a hassle-free commute for all passengers," the official said.

Hubballi woman emerges winner of *The Hindu*'s 'Our State Our Taste' contest

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The winners of *The Hindu*'s 'Our State Our Taste' competition with the judges in Bengaluru on Saturday.

'Our State Our Taste', *The Hindu*'s prestigious culinary competition, which not only celebrated Karnataka's rich culinary heritage but also provided a platform for aspiring chefs to shine and showcase their culinary prowess, found a winner on Saturday during the finale at the RC Royal Hotel in the city.

The first place was bagged by Sneha Patnakar from Hubballi, the second place by Gururaj S. from Mysuru, and the third place was bagged by D. Laxmamma from Ramanagara. The winner of the competition received a cash prize of ₹1 lakh, while the first and second runners-up received ₹60,000 and ₹40,000, respectively.

Celebrity chef duo 'Oggarane Dabbi' Murali and his wife, Suchitra Murali, judged the contestants. "This is a great opportunity provided by *The Hindu* where home cooks were encouraged to showcase their talent. This is the true Master Chef of Karnataka, a platform for showcasing culinary skills. These contestants have nothing to lose; they have already achieved recognition just by reaching this stage," Mr. Murali said. He was particularly impressed by the contestants' commitment to using local ingredients and showcasing regional delicacies. "This programme provided a stage to display our culture and cooking style," he added.

'Our State Our Taste' embarked on a journey across 24 cities, spanning Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and, for the first time, Karnataka this year.

Among the contestants, Dr. Gururaj from Mysuru expressed his gratitude for the programme, which, he said, boosted his confidence in cooking. He mentioned his extensive preparations, including watching global cookery shows, practising daily, and studying numerous cookbooks.

Ashwini Malaghan, an English lecturer from Belagavi, learned to cook from her family and honed her skills through practice and research. She thanked The Hindu Group for organising such an event and recognising her talent.

Vindhya, a contestant from Koppal, said, "We are all winners here, and witnessing the cooking talent of others has been a joy."

The event was presented by Gold Winner, with RKG Ghee as the co-presenting partner, Butterfly as the powered-by partner, and Aashirvaad, Parry's, and Everest Masala as the in-association with sponsors. Bambino is the vermicelli partner, and the TV partner is Siri Kannada.

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BSY faces opposition as he bats for son as State BJP chief

Earlier, the senior party leader had pitched for former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to be elected Leader of the Opposition and a non-Lingayat for the post of party president

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, B.S. Yediyurappa, and senior leaders at the BJP Central election committee meeting in New Delhi recently. FILE PHOTO

Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa is reportedly seeing a fresh opportunity to push for his son B.Y. Vijayendra to be anointed the BJP chief in Karnataka, with the party going for a pre-poll alliance with the Janata Dal (Secular). Mr. Yediyurappa, who was in New Delhi last week to attend a Parliamentary board meeting, which he is a member of, is reportedly pitching hard for his son's elevation to the post.

Earlier, Mr. Yediyurappa had pitched for former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to be elected Leader of the Opposition and a non-Lingayat for the post of party president. However, the proposed alliance with the JD(S) ahead of the Lok Sabha elections has "disrupted the caste calculations", sources in the party said.

From the top

"Mr. Yediyurappa has always been opposed to any alliance with the regional party. However, the alliance under way now seems to have been a decision of national leadership and the former Chief Minister was not in the loop. Though he was unhappy with it initially, he seems to have fallen in line with the party's decision. More importantly, he smells in this equation an opportunity to push for his son's elevation to party president's position," a senior BJP leader close to him said.

The logic being offered by Mr. Yediyurappa is that an alliance with JD(S) - seen as a Vokkaliga party - will create a "sense of insecurity" in the Lingayat community, the mainstay of the BJP's vote bank, that is already upset with his unceremonious removal from the post of Chief Minister. The alliance with the JD(S) is seen as the party's move to further reduce its reliance on the Lingayat vote bank and an attempt to woo the Vokkaligas.

The two communities are traditional rivals for power in the State. While the JD(S) will act as a force multiplier to the BJP in Old Mysore region, where it is strong, it will be of little help in North Karnataka, where wooing the Lingayat community is key to the success of BJP, Mr. Yediyurappa has pointed out, sources said.

The BJP has lost vote share in both Kalyana Karnataka and Kittur Karnataka regions in North Karnataka. In this context, anointing a Lingayat as party president will be a good damage control exercise, he is learnt to have argued.

'Far too junior'

However, there is intense opposition to the idea of Mr. Vijayendra's leadership from within the party fold, it is learnt. "Mr. Vijayendra is far junior to many leaders in the party, and won a narrow victory in a safe seat for the first time. More than anything else, making him the party president will compromise our plank against dynastic politics. His leadership won't go down well with other leaders in the State unit," said a senior BJP leader.

Other names being speculated for the party president's post include Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje, former BJP national general secretary C.T. Ravi, and former Energy Minister V. Sunil Kumar. Ms. Karandlaje has emerged as one of the frontrunners for the post, according to sources.

Meanwhile, if the high command chooses to make a Lingayat the party president, Basanagouda Patil Yatnal is the other name doing the rounds apart from Mr. Vijayendra.

Proposal on three Deputy CMs floated again to checkmate Shivakumar?

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah greeting Rahul Gandhi at the Congress Working Committee meeting in Hyderabad on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's loyalist and Cooperation Minister K.N. Rajanna's proposal of having three more Deputy Chief Ministers in the Congress government in Karnataka appears to be a move to checkmate Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is positioning himself as the successor to Mr. Siddaramaiah.

Besides being State Congress president, Mr. Shivakumar's steady rise in the government by holding plum portfolios of Bengaluru Development and Water Resources and his "domineering attitude" in officials' meetings has not gone down well with loyalists of the Chief Minister, it is learnt.

Moreover, Mr. Shivakumar holding many meetings with VIPs and corporate leaders to discuss issues of governance too have reportedly irked some seniors in the government. As the KPCC president, Mr. Shivakumar's decision to induct some of the BJP and JD(S) leaders into the party, without consultation, too seems to have rattled a few party leaders, sources in the party maintained.

Post Hariprasad's attack

Mr. Rajanna's idea, which was sparked off within a week after veteran leader and MLC B.K. Hariprasad's veiled attack against Mr. Siddaramaiah, is largely seen as a "speed breaker" to Mr. Shivakumar in party circles.

Shivakumar's steady rise has not gone down well with loyalists of the Chief Minister, it is learnt

Mr. Hariprasad, seen as a loyalist of the State Congress chief, lashed out at the Chief Minister at a OBC rally in Bengaluru on September 9, apparently for denying him a ministerial berth and denying the Deputy Chief Minister's post to Dalit and Muslim legislators.

Moreover, Mr. Rajanna mooted the proposal at a time when senior leaders were at the Congress Working Committee meeting in Hyderabad on Saturday.

Counter by CM camp

The Chief Minister, who was at loggerheads with Mr. Shivakumar before the formation of the government on the Chief Minister's chair, appears to have "deployed" Mr. Rajanna to publicly announce the proposal on appointing Deputy Chief Ministers.

Mr. Rajanna on Friday said he would write to the Congress high command on appointing Deputy Chief Ministers from the Veerashaiva-Lingayat, SC/ST, and minority communities to enlarge the party's vote bank ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The Minister's idea comes despite the party high command's decision soon after the 2023 Assembly elections that Mr. Shivakumar will be the only Deputy Chief Minister. Then Mr. Shivakumar had strongly opposed the appointment of more than one Deputy Chief Minister.

Given Mr. Rajanna's closeness with the Chief Minister, it is being viewed as the Siddaramaiah faction's move to rein in Mr. Shivakumar's "dominance" in the government and the party. The creation of three more Deputy Chief Ministers would place Mr. Shivakumar in parallel with other Deputy Chief Ministers, which is not a constitutional post. Mr. Rajanna also went on to say that Mr. Siddaramaiah would continue for the full five-year term.

History of Dy. CMs

Earlier, for the first time, Karnataka had three Deputy Chief Ministers in the B.S. Yediyurappa-led government in 2019. Govind Karjol, C.N. Ashwath Narayan, and Laxman Savadi (now Congress MLA) belonging to Dalit, Vokkaliga, and Lingayat communities, respectively, served as the Deputy Chief Ministers. In the BJP government led by Jagadish Shettar (now Congress MLC) in 2012, there were two Deputy Chief Ministers (K.S. Eshwarappa and R. Ashok).

91 projects worth ₹7,660 cr. approved

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development M.B. Patil chairing a meeting in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The State Level Single Window Clearance Committee (SLSWCC) on Friday cleared 91 industrial investment proposals worth ₹7,659.52 crore with an employment generation potential of 18,146 within Karnataka.

The SLSWCC committee headed by Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development M.B. Patil, at a meeting, approved 26 projects involving more than ₹50 crore investment, totalling ₹5,750.73 crore. These alone have the potential to create 13,742 jobs.

Some of the top investors include Maruti Suzuki India, Aequs Consumer, South West Mining and Tata Semiconductor, and Krypton (India) Solutions Private Ltd. among others.

Of the total 91 proposals, about 57 investment projects were between ₹15 crore to ₹50 crore totalling ₹1,144.94 crore, promising employment generation potential of 4,404. Eight projects with an additional investment of ₹763.85 crore were also approved by the committee.

Some of the major investment/project proposals approved include Pratibha Patil Sugar Industries, in Kannur Village, Vijayapur District with an investment of ₹489.5 crore, Gurudee Bio-Refineries & Allied Industries Private Limited at Tadavalaga, Vijayapura District with an investment outlay of ₹488.49 crore and Devashree Ispat Private Limited, at Halwarti Village, in Koppal which involves an investment of ₹470 crore.

Principal Secretary of Commerce and Industries S. Selvakumar, Commissioner for Industrial Development Gunjan Krishna, and Secretary of Department of Labour Mohammad Mohsin were part of the meeting.

C.T. Ravi dares Siddaramaiah to prove Manusmriti charge or face probe for 'misleading' statement

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Senior BJP leader C.T. Ravi on Saturday dared Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to prove his charge that 'forces were trying to bring back Manusmriti' in India, failing which the police should book him for false and misleading statements under his own fact-checking initiative.

Mr. Ravi told reporters in Mangaluru that no political party has announced that they will enforce Manusmriti. No royal family that ruled India in the last 2,000 years had adopted the 'smriti' as its constitution. Mr. Siddaramaiah made a 'false and baseless' charge while addressing the International Day of Democracy celebrations at the Vidhana Soudha on Friday, he said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah has the habit of 'peddling lies', including that the RSS was behind Mahatma Gandhi's murder. This is despite three probe commissions set up by former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru absolving the RSS of any role in the murder. Through its fact-checking initiative, the Congress is trying to control the media, thereby imposing Emergency through the back door, he alleged.

Get drought norms changed by Centre rather than indulge in politics, CM tells BJP

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has urged the Opposition BJP to put pressure on the Centre to bring changes to the Manual for Drought Management 2016 (updated in 2020) for the declaration of drought by States rather than "indulge in politics" over it in the State.

In a statement, he recalled his letter to Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Tomar on revaluating the parameters for a State to declare drought and said that he was yet to get any reply. He said in the letter that there are drought-like situations in several taluks, but they did not meet the requirements for declaring a drought as per norms.

"It is imperative to change norms if those hit by drought are to be given relief," he said.

District in-charge Ministers and officials directed to hold decentralised Janata Darshans

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To ensure that people from far-flung areas are not compelled to come to Bengaluru to meet the Chief Minister in Janata Darshan for grievance redressal, the CMO said that they will be held periodically at district levels by district-in-charge ministers and officials.

The Chief Minister, in a circular, directed Ministers to hold Janata Darshans in all districts on September 25. He directed Deputy Commissioners to choose a taluk in their district every fortnight to conduct Janata Darshan.

Karnataka Government (An Autonomous Institution)
KARWAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, KARWAR
No: KRIMS/Re-Tender/2023-24 Date: 14.09.2023
Tender Notification (through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)
Sl.No.1: Tender No: KRIMS/Re-Tender/116/2023-24, Date: 14.09.2023, Tender Name: Re-tender for **Biomedical Waste Management** to Karwar Institute of Medical Sciences, Karwar. Tender Commencement **Date: 20.09.2023**, Last date for uploading tender forms: **04.10.2023 before 5.00 pm.**
Sl.No.2: Tender No: KRIMS/Re-Tender-2/123/2023-24, Date: 14.09.2023, Tender Name: Supply of Electrical, Carpentry and Plumbing Items at KRIMS, Karwar. Tender Commencement Date: **20.09.2023**, Last date for uploading tender forms: **04.10.2023 before 5.00 pm.**
The details of above e-tender can be obtained from website **http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/215/23-24 dt. 16.09.2023 **Sd/- Director**

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			Construction of 80M Span Pedestrian bridge & its approach on Paithani Garkot Bridle Road Block-Narayanbagar. District Chamoli	
2.	Pauri	16A/BR/RFB/ UPREPARE/2023	Construction of 84M Span single lane Steel Truss Pedestrian Bridge over Alaknanda River, Block-Kot District Pauri.	RFB-Item rate
3	Chamoli	25/BR/RFB/ UGRIDP/2023	Construction of 4 No. Intermediate lane Intermediate Lane Steel Truss Motor Bridge in km 4, 8 (HM 2-4 & HM 8-10) & 12 at Nandprayag Ghat Motorway in District Chamoli	RFB-Item rate

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Government Of Karnataka
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(THROUGH "E-PROCUREMENT")-3RD CALL
Tender are invited through e-procurement to provide permanent and safe drinking water system under Jal Jeevan Mission Plan 2021-22 approved to 03 villages of Kurki and other 04 populated divisions of Davangere Taluk, Davangere District on DBOT basis [including 5 years operation and maintenance (O&M), DBOT basis] in Davangere Taluk under Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation, Davangere District. Further details can be accessed from https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
(1) Date & time for Pre Tender meeting & site inspection: 19-09-2023 , 11-00 am at The Chief Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, KHB Building , E block, 1st floor, Kempe Gowda Road, Bangalore. (2) Last date & time for receiving the filled tender documents through online : 25-09-2023 , 04-00 pm (3) Date & Time for opening of Technical Bids : 26-09-2023 , 05-00 pm (4) Date & Time for opening of Financial Bids : 03-10-2023 , 11-00 am
Scheme Name:- (1) Providing Multi Village Water Supply Scheme to Kurki & other 04 Habitations in 3 Villages of Davanagere Taluk in Davanagere District on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission Time for completion: (including Mansoon season): 11 months. (2) E.M.D amount:- Rs. 16,50,000/-
ವಾಸಾಇ/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಡಿಎಜೆ/240/ ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2023–24 **Sd/- Executive Engineer RWS Division, Davanagere**

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

SAD DEMISE

B. SANKAR (70 years)
Passsed away on 16-09-2023.
Funeral today (17th Sept) 12:00 - 1:00pm.
Address: 17, Saraswati Street, Mahalingapuram, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600034.
Ph: 9003106791 / 9962262124

Cash-for-ticket case: CCB recovers over ₹2 crore from Chaitra and her associate

The Hindutva activist used the money to buy a car, invest in fixed deposits, and purchase gold valuables, say officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Continuing investigations into the alleged cash-for-BJP ticket cheating case involving Hindutva activist Chaitra Kundapura, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) officials on Saturday recovered over ₹2 crore, which she had used for buying a car, investing in fixed deposits, and purchasing gold valuables.

After gathering information about the money she had spent, a team of police recovered the FD deposits from a co-operative bank in Kundapura, ₹81 lakh in cash, ₹23 lakh worth of gold valuables, and ₹12 lakh worth of EMIs paid for the car she had purchased.

These transactions, according to the CCB officials, were made by Chaitra and her associate Srikanth. Sources said that they are collecting documentary evidence to corroborate this.

Chaitra is the prime accused in the case in which industrialist Govinda Babu Poojary was allegedly duped of ₹5 crore on the promise that he would be given a BJP ticket to contest the Karnataka Assembly elections held in May.

Chaitra Kundapura

The police have arrested seven people so far in the case, while another accused and close associate of Chaitra, identified as Abhinava Hala Swami, is on the run.

Three teams of police are on a massive hunt for the swami, who is said to be shifting his hideouts from Karnataka to Andhara Pradesh and other neighbouring States frequently.

The CCB officials on Saturday detained the driver of the swami for questioning. The arrest of the swami will not only recover the money, but also expose the possible involvement of other people, said officials.

BJP distances itself

Meanwhile, a slew of BJP leaders and former Ministers, including C.T. Ravi and V. Sunil Kumar, have distanced themselves from the unfolding scandal and said that neither they nor the party had anything to do with the cheating case. Mr. Kumar said that no one should use the BJP as pretext for cheating. "I do not know anybody who is already arrested by the CCB officials in the connection of the case," he said.

Karnataka's claims are baseless: Stalin

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Saturday said the recent statements by the Karnataka government, terming Tamil Nadu's demand for Cauvery water as unjustified and alleging that the State had increased its *ayacut* area, were baseless and unacceptable.

He accused the Karnataka government of providing wrong information in its letter to Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Wednesday. It had stated that the Cauvery delta region in Tamil Nadu had adequate groundwater, and the State would receive enough rainfall during the northeast monsoon.

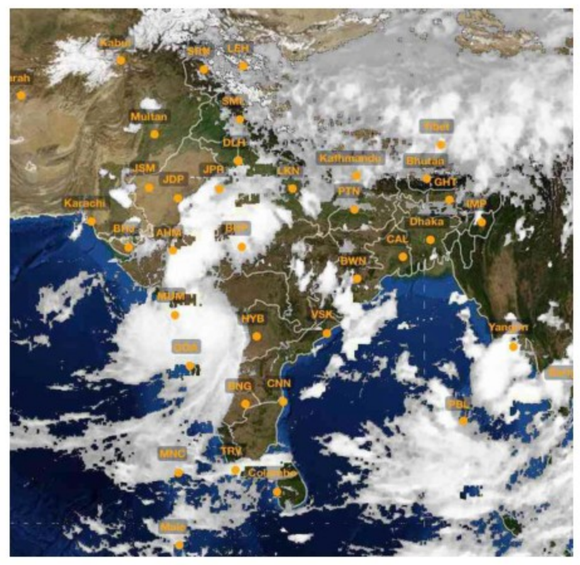
Mr. Stalin said Tamil Nadu's Minister for Water Resources Duraimurugan, accompanied by MPs of all political parties in the State, would submit a memorandum to Mr. Shekhawat, asking the Union government not to take into consideration the untrue statements of the Karnataka government.

He pointed out that the Cauvery Water Regulatory Committee had predicted normal rainfall in the Cauvery region of Karnataka for the 15-day period from September 13, based on the India Meteorological Department's forecast.

Taking that into consideration, he said the memorandum would urge Mr. Shekhawat to advise the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) to issue orders for the release of 12,500 cusecs of water.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Saurashtra & Kutch, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, west Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	1	35.2	26.2	Kozhikode	69	31.4	24.2
Ahmedabad	5	31.0	26.8	Kurnool	—	34.7	25.4
Aizawl	2	33.1	22.2	Lucknow	—	33.4	27.6
Allahabad	3	34.8	27.4	Madurai	—	37.2	25.2
Bengaluru	1.4	28.5	21.2	Mangaluru	90	29.2	23.7
Bhopal	—	—	—	Mumbai	3	30.3	26.6
Bhubaneswar	—	31.3	25.7	Mysuru	—	32.1	23.0
Chandigarh	—	35.2	24.9	New Delhi	1	33.8	26.9
Chennai	10	35.0	26.6	Patna	—	35.3	27.8
Coimbatore	—	32.0	23.0	Port Blair	20	29.6	24.1
Dehradun	1	30.6	22.6	Puducherry	—	36.2	26.8
Gangtok	—	24.9	18.5	Pune	—	27.9	22.5
Goa	0.9	31.5	25.4	Raipur	—	31.3	24.8
Guwahati	—	36.8	25.1	Ranchi	8	30.6	23.6
Hubballi	—	29.0	23.0	Shillong	—	25.9	16.7
Hyderabad	—	31.4	23.6	Shimla	—	22.8	17.0
Imphal	—	33.4	21.5	Srinagar	—	30.8	19.0
Jaipur	—	31.2	27.0	Thiruvananthapuram	2	33.0	25.0
Kochi	33	28.4	23.6	Tiruchi	—	36.1	26.4
Kohima	—	24.5	18.4	Vijayawada	—	35.2	26.0
Kolkata	0.3	34.6	27.4	Visakhapatnam	—	32.1	27.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	6	46	.52	63	95	
Bengaluru	7	26	.71	60	86	
Chennai	.28	.39	.60	37	41	
Delhi	.17	.33	.40	104	112	
Hyderabad	.10	.48	.13	48	68	
Kolkata	.27	.22	.18	29	34	
Lucknow	9	.19	.52	36	79	
Mumbai	.32	9	.32	99	181	
Pune	125	197	110	41	36	
Visakhapatnam	.16	.40	.72	53	93	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Dhanbad, Jharkhand recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 184 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

No fresh case of Nipah in Kerala

The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

The current Nipah outbreak in Kerala seems to be under control and there are few chances of a second wave of the infection, Health Minister Veena George has said.

She told presspersons on Saturday evening that no fresh cases had been reported on the day so far. Eleven more body fluid samples of suspected patients had tested negative for the virus. All of them were high-risk contacts of the infected persons.

The Minister said one of the contacts of the 39-year-old infected person from Cheruvannur had gone into isolation after exhibiting symptoms. Six persons had so far tested positive for the virus. Two are dead and four are under treatment. Right now, 1,192 people are on the contact list of the infected persons.

"Indications are that the situation is under control now because all other patients got infected from the first patient who died on August 30. It has been proved that the second patient who died on September 11 had contact with him. At this stage, there has not been a secondary wave," Ms. George said.

Cauvery water dispute: CWMA to hold emergency meeting in New Delhi tomorrow

T. Ramakrishnan
CHENNAI

The Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) is going to hold an emergency meeting on Monday in the light of Karnataka's refusal to comply with the latest direction of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) on September 12 to continue releasing 5,000 cubic feet per second (cusecs) of water to Tamil Nadu for another 15 days.

According to sources, the meeting's agenda is to discuss the quantum of water release to Tamil Nadu. Though the meeting will take place in hybrid mode, representatives of the Tamil Nadu government, led by Sandeep Saxena, Additional Chief Secretary (Water Resources), will take part in the deliberations in person.

Though Karnataka had implemented the CWMA's decision of releasing 5,000 cusecs for 15 days (August 29-September 12) and released 7.17 tmcft as against the stipulated 6.48 tmc ft for the period, it did not agree with the CWRC's fiat.

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, in a letter to Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat a few days ago, said the panel's decision could not be "practically implemented" without endangering the interest of farmers with respect to irrigation, and of humans and livestock. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar met Mr. Shekhawat in Jaipur on Thursday to hand over the letter.

The State's stand has been to await the outcome of the Authority's meeting, even as the case in the Supreme Court is due for hearing on September 21.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office Of The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Chitradurga
No.EE:PWD:CTA:JE-3:Tender-10:2023-24: Dated:- 15.09.2023
SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through e-Procurement Portal as per standard tender documents rules.
Name of work:- Two cover System:- Head of Account 8443 DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION (CEPMIZ) KMERC:- (1) Construction of Bridges on SH-48 at Km at km 33.65 near Echaghatta and at km 6.00 near kaduru, on SH-47 at km 264.90 near Andanuru and at km 7.10 near Gunderi of Holalkere –Gunderi –Ramagiri road in Holalkere Taluk **(W.I. 57)/2nd call . Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:- 850.00**
Tender dates are as mentioned below: (1) Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 29-09-2023 Time: 17.30 (2) Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 30-09-2023 Time: 16.00 (3) Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 03-09-2023 Time: 16.15 (4) Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 06-09-2023 Time: 11.00 Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.
Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/206/2023-24 PWD, Chitradurga.

INDUSIND BANK LTD.
1-10-72, 3rd floor, Ashoka Janardhana Chambers, Begumpet, Hyderabad - 500016, Ph: (040) 40916229
APPENDIX IV-A [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described secured asset is mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken on **11.08.2023** by the Authorised Officer of M/s. IndusInd Bank Ltd. (the secured creditor). The Property will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 18/10/2023** for recovery of **Rs.1,98,92,139/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Eight Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty Nine Only) as on 31.08.2023** with further interest at the contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses due to IndusInd Bank Ltd., from the **borrower M/s. Aero Star Global Logistics India Pvt. Ltd.,and guarantors Gopala Krishnan Nair Sundaresan, Mrs. Ramya B., Mr. Bhaskaran Nair.**
Description of Immovable properties : Property of Mr. S Gopala Krishnan Nair and Mrs. Ramya B (Sale Deed Document No: 5371 of 2010-2011, dated 25-11-2010) : All that piece and parcel of Residential Vacant site bearing No. 5, BBMP Katha No. 72, Municipal No. 9, ward No. 149, measuring east to west 40 feet and north to south 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq. feet, formed in Old. Sy. No. 224, New Sy. No 224/1, which is duly converted from agriculture to non-agriculture residential purpose by the deputy commissioner, Bangalore vide his order no. ALN/(EVH)SR132/2009-10, dated 29-12-2009, situated at AmaneBellandurKhane Village, VarthurHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently comes under the limits of B.B.M.P and **bounded on the:** East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 4, South by: Site NO. 6
Reserve Price: Rs.1,24,69,863.00/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty-Four Lakhs Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Only)
Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.12,46,986/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty SixOnly)

Known encumbrance, if any	NIL to the knowledge of the bank.
Claims, if any, which have been put forward against the property and any other dues known to Secured creditor and value	Not Known to the best of knowledge of the Bank.
Inspection of Property	29/09/2023 between 11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.
Contact Person and Phone No : Mr. D Varadaraj (Authorized Officer) Mobile No: 9966078652 Bank officers: Mr. Jansi Rao 9886090570 & Mr. Chakradhari Shubham Mobile No: 9304376755	
Last date for submission of Bid/Bid:	17/10/2023 till 04.00 PM
Time and Venue of Bid Opening	E-Auction/Bidding through website (https://www.bankeauctions.com) 18/10/2023 from 11.00 am to 11.30 am

For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors website i.e. https://www.indusind.com for detailed terms & conditions of e-auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the e-auction. Bidders may also visit the website https://www.bankeauctions.com or contact service provider M/s. C1 India Private Limited. Bidder Support Nos.: 0124-4302020 / 21 / 22, +91 7291981124 / 1125 / 1126; email: support@bankeauctions.com, Mr. Hareesh Gowda, Contact No. +91 95945 97555 & Mr. Prabakaran, Contact No. +91 74182 81709
This notice of 30 days is being given to all of you in compliance of Rule 8, sub rule 6 of SARFAESI Rules under the SARFAESI Act 2002
Place: Hyderabad, Date: 13/09/2023 Sd/-Authorised Officer, Indusind Bank Limited

Before the Hon'ble Court of Principal Judge Family Court, Durg District- Durg (Chhattisgarh)
// SUMMONS //
Applicant- Mrs.Urvashi Manikpuri Spouse Mr. Subash N.R.age- 34 Yrs R/o. Qtr. No.- 3/B, Road No.- 48, Sector- 08 Bhilai, Tah. & District- Durg (C.G.)
Non-Applicant- Subash N.R. Father Shri Ramanchari, Age-27 Yrs. Resident- 44/34 Main, Old Madiwala, Dollar Scheme Colony, B.T.M. First Stage Bangalore, (Karnataka) Job Location, Balamudi Ganesh Temple, W.J.C.- 8,M.H.3, Old Madiwala Chikka Madiwala, First Stage B.T.M. Layout, Bangalore, (Karnataka), Pin Code- 560068
Because the Plaintiff/Applicants has filed suit against under section 13 [1] of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955 after the submission you are ordered by this summons that you may appear in this Court/Office at 11:00 am on the date of the month of 18.10.2023 in person or by any such advocate who had been duly instruction have been given and who can answer all material questions relating to this hereafter or be accompanied by a person who can answer all such question. You are directed to submit a written statement of you defence on date and to produce on that day all such documents as are in your custody of powers on which your defence or counter claim is based and if you have evidence in support of any other documents as required you may enter such document in the list to be attached with the written statement.
You are informed that if you will not appear in this court on the date of appearance aforesaid the subsequent and disposal will be done in your absence today in this date.
Issued today, dated 13/09/2023 the seal of this court and under my hand to be done.
Seal (SIRAJUDDIN QURESHI) Principal Judge Family Court, Durg, District- Durg (Chhattisgarh)

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार
सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क विभाग
(सोशल मिडिया)
संख्याः-262/सू.एवंज.सं.वि.(सो0मी0)-04/2022
लखनऊः दिनांक 15 सितम्बर, 2023
जेम बिड की सूचना
उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की जनकल्याणकारी योजनाओं, विकास कार्यक्रमों, नीतियों एवं उपलब्धियों के प्रचार-प्रसार कार्य हेतु सोशल मिडिया एजेंसी के चयन से संबंधित जेम बिड सं0 GEM/2023/B/3956697 जेम पोर्टल पर दिनांक 13.09.2023 को अपलोड करायी गयी है। जिसमें इच्छुक निविदादाता/एजेंसी बिड में दिनांक 25.09.2023 रात्रि 21:00 बजे तक प्रतिभाग किया जा सकता है। बिड दिनांक 25.09.2023 को रात्रि 21:00 बजे समिति के समक्ष खोली जायेगी। विस्तृत विवरण जेम पोर्टल https://gem.in पर उपलब्ध है।
UPID:194537
Dt:15-09-2023
(शिशिर)
सूचना निदेशक

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION
District Health & Family Welfare Society, Bengaluru Urban District
Old T.B. Hospital Campus, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore -560038.
No. DHS/BU/Outsource/01/2023-24 Date: 15/09/2023
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tenders are invited through E-Procurement in accordance with KTPP Rules for availing service of human resources on outsource basis for the undertaking office of HFW Society and Major Hospitals under NHM Scheme of Bangalore Urban District. Interested firms may participate through E-Procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Tender may be submitted from **16-09-2023** to **16-10-2023** upto **05:00** pm on through E-Portal. For further details please contact to District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Bangalore Urban District, Old T.B hospital premises, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038 during office hours.
Sd/-
Member Secretary District Health & Family Welfare Society, Bangalore Urban District
DIPR/CP/1327/Zen/2023-24

TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BANGARPET
web:bangarpettown.mrc.gov.in, Email id:itstaff_ulb_bangarpet@yahoo.co.in
phone:08153-253222
Sl.No:TMCBPT/HS/T1/2023-24 Date:12.09.2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Government of Karnataka E- Procurement Portal only)
As per Karnataka Transparency in the Public procurement act 1999 and Rules 2000 under Standard Tender documents Rules KG1, KC1, KC8 the undersigned invites tenders in One cover system for Eligible Contractors through e-procurement portal. The contractors may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Further details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned. **(1)** Last date & time for submission of tender : **26.09.2023, 17.00 hrs, (2)** Date & time of opening Financial bid: **28.09.2023, 11.00 hrs** Name of work: **(1)** DMA/2023-24/SE0798 Estimate Amount **Rs. 13.53/-** in lakhs, EMD **Rs.33,825/-** Period:**1** year **(2)** DMA/2023-24/SE0797 Estimate Amount **Rs. 54.91/-** in lakhs, EMD **Rs.1,09,820/-** Period:**1** year **(3)** DMA/2023-24/SE0718 Estimate Amount **Rs. 36.95/-** in lakhs, EMD **Rs.73,900/-** Period:**1** year **(4)** DMA/2023-24/SE0787 Estimate Amount **Rs. 5.00/-** in lakhs, EMD **Rs.12,500/-** Period:**3** Months **(5)** DMA/2023-24/IND0393 Estimate Amount **Rs. 3.60/-** in lakhs, EMD **Rs.9,000/-** Period:**1**Month
Sd/-
(Smt.Rashmi U., KAS)
Tahsildar, Taluk Office and Administrator,
Town Municipal Council Bangarpet
Sd/-
(Meenakshi, KMAS)
Chief Officer Grade-I
Town Municipal Council Bangarpet
DIPR/KOLAR/R.O.No:135/KSMC&A/2023-24

मुख्य निर्माण यन्त्रीक कार्य्यालय,
ग्रामीण निर्माण मण्डल, बरहमपुर
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
(E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com; Tel/Fax :- 0680-2404287)
At:-Ambapua, Po:-Engineering School Near Income Tax Office, Berhampur-760011
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Bid Identification No. Online Tender/55-2023-24/BPR

Identification No.	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender / 55-2023-24/ BPR	Road Works including 05 years Post Construction maintenance under MMSY-TRIP & Road Works under Special Assistant to States Capital Investment (SACI) for the year 2023-24	14 Nos	From Rs.258.10 Lakhs to Rs.831.94 Lakhs	"B" Class, "A" Class & "Special" Class as applicable	09 (Nine) & 11 (Eleven) Calendar Month as provided

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding	
		From	To
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Berhampur.	Online Tender /55-2023-24/BPR	18.09.2023 at 10.00 A.M.	03.10.2023 upto 3.00 P.M.

(i) EMD / Bid Security, Cost of Bid document is to be transferred through Online as per the procedure mentioned in the DTCN. (ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender. Further details & Corrigendum if any can be seen from the website: - www.tendersodisha.gov.in
O-1047: Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Berhampur
OIPR-25071/11/0058/2324

THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Hutti - 584 115, Raichur Dist., Karnataka State. Tele: (08537) 275463, 276339, 275740
Fax: (08537)275048 275054, e-Mail: **material276339@gmail.com** Website: **www.huttigold.karnataka.gov.in**
Tender Notification No. 14/23-24, Dt: 17.09.2023 (Through e-Procurement Portal only)
Tender is invited by "The Dy. General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following items from reputed manufacturers/ authorized dealers as detailed below.

Sl No	Description	Approx value in Lakhs	EMD in Rs.
1	Supply of Sag Mill Conveyor Belt Rolles. **HGML/2023-24/IND0013.**	48.41	97,000/-
2	Supply of Bucket assemby and shrouds as per drawing for Epiroc ST3.5 LHD. **HGML/2023-24/IND0104**	35.40	71,000/-
3	Supply of Control cables and signal cables. **HGML/2023-24/IND0018/CALL-2.**	26.11	52,000/-
4	Supply of 50 Sq.mm Welding Cable. **HGML/2023-24/IND0030/CALL-2**	17.61	44,000/-
5	Supply of Vehicle mounted hydraulic trolley ladder. **HGML/2023-24/IND0100.**	15.00	37,500/-
6	Supply of Electromagnetic Flow Meters. **HGML/2023-24/IND0023/CALL-2.**	12.95	32,500/-
7	Supply of Assorted Sizes of Super Enameled Copper Winding Wires. **HGML/2023-24/IND0028/CALL-2.**	10.88	27,000/-
8	Supply, Installation and commissioning of Floor Mounted Muffle Furnace along with accessories. **HGML/2023-24/IND0049/CALL-2**	12.00	30,000/-
9	Supply of HD Camera system With Accessories for ENT DEPT. **HGML/2023-24/IND0109.**	14.50	36,000/-
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Will make INDIA bloc an electoral success: CWC

Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi is said to stressed on protecting the Constitutional values. The tone and tenor for the meeting was set by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's opening remarks that claimed that the country is facing "serious internal challenges". He accused the Modi government of spreading the fire of violence from Manipur to Nuh in Haryana.

Monting a scathing attack on the government for "failing on all fronts," Mr. Kharge demanded that the process of the 2021 census should be immediately started along with a caste-based census. He said the delay in holding the census had resulted in 14 crore people from being deprived of the right to food law and nearly 18% people being left out of the MGNREGA. The 14-point final resolution also demanded the passage of the women's reservation Bill, called for increasing the upper limit of reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBCs, rejected any call for a new Constitution or a debate on its basic structure and claimed that the idea of "one nation, one election" was an assault on federalism. The resolution slammed the BJP for "insulting the sacrifice of the security personnel in J&K by holding a celebratory extravaganza in the party headquarters to congratulate themselves for the G-20 success when a tragedy was unfolding".

AI cameras set to curb poaching

Shaped like a pen, 13.8 cm long and 1.4 cm wide, it is wired to another 'communications' unit, the size of a notepad.

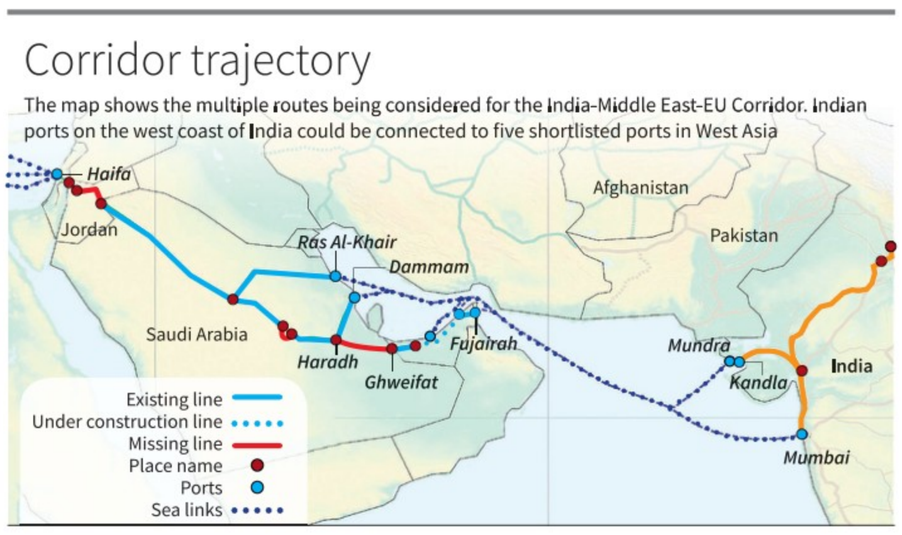
The system has embedded software that can be instructed to take pictures of specific species of interest. In the usual camera set-ups, the motion-triggered devices will snap pictures of anything – from a falling leaf to a jungle fowl that comes in its line of sight. The TrailGuard system can be set to specifically capture humans or species of interest – lions, tigers, cheetahs. A team of researchers and developers involved in developing and testing the system, in an article published in the journal *Biosciences* report that 12 TrailGuard AI camera-alert systems were tested from mid-May to mid-July 2022 on the Kanha-Pench corridor along with seven camera-alert systems in the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in early September 2022 to mid-December.

"Researchers and forest department officials received notifications of tiger presence via email or push notification between 30 and 42 seconds after detections. These notifications included tiger detections from three units that were within 300 meters of a village and from which there were also daily notifications of villagers grazing cattle or collecting forest products," they note.

India-Middle East-EU corridor to have multiple routes, but hurdles remain

Several ports, including three in India and one in Israel, have been shortlisted; there are missing links in many of the proposed routes, though rail connectivity is being upgraded in West Asia; common standards should be maintained in construction and technology across the IMEC

Maitri Porecha
Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI



Days after India, the U.S., Saudi Arabia, the UAE and other countries launched the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), officials said many of the details are still being ironed out, and multiple route options are being considered that will include ports such as the one at Haifa in Israel and Piraeus in Greece, *The Hindu* has learnt.

Among the ports that could be connected on the west coast of India are those at Mundra and Kandla in Gujarat, and the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust in Navi Mumbai. In West Asia, at least five ports have been shortlisted to be connected to the Indian ports which include those at Fujairah, Jebel Ali, and Abu Dhabi in the UAE as well as Dammam and Ras Al Khair ports in Saudi Arabia.

Apart from government-owned ports, the Mundra port and the Haifa port are privately controlled by the Adani Group, and have been highlighted in proposal documents that *The Hindu* accessed. The onward rail route connectivity from five ports in the UAE and Saudi Arabia stretching up to the Haifa port in Israel will be a mix of already existing brownfield projects and fresh greenfield projects to connect missing links.

Official sources said that a study was conducted to establish the extent of already existing and under-construction railway lines in West Asia cutting across the UAE and Saudi Arabia, while missing links have been identified, which will need fresh construction. For instance, a 605-km network extending from the UAE's Fujairah to Ghuweifat on the Saudi Arabian border is under construction as part of Phase 2 of the Etihad Rail project, which aims at transporting freight and passengers.

There is a missing link between Ghweifat and Haradh, which will need to be constructed. Further, Haradh and the Riyadh Dry Port are connected via rail and there is also an existing 1,242-km lline from Riyadh to Qurayyat managed by the Saudi Arabia Railways.

"There is a missing stretch between Qurayyat in Saudi Arabia and Beit She'an in Israel which will have to constructed," the official said. Of the total rail route length of 2,915 km stretching from the Fujairah port to Haifa, there are missing portions of 1,095 km, with work in progress on 536 km. Hence, 559 km still has to be constructed. Similarly, proposed rail routes from the Jebel Ali port to Haifa span 2,565 km, with 745 km lacking connectivity. Here, work is already in progress across 186 km.

Another route, the Abu Dhabi port to Haifa, runs across 2,449 km, with 629 km yet to be linked. On the fourth proposed route from the Dammam port to Haifa, via Haradh, which is 2,149 km long, 289 km is yet to be constructed, while for the rail route from the Ras Al Khair port to Haifa passing through Buraydh, 269 km of the 1,809 km is yet to be linked.

As per the preliminary alignment plans accessed by *The Hindu*, from Haifa in Israel, landing destinations for Europe include the Piraeus port in Greece, Messina in south Italy, and Marseille in France. Initial estimates suggest that developing each of these IMEC routes could cost anywhere between $3 billion to $8 billion, but officials say it is too early to peg costs.

West Asia, especially Saudi Arabia, has a huge role in IMEC where a railway corridor is being proposed to be built, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. "This will open up a new dimension in trade and transportation for the region. It is a very complex programme and will require everything to be brought to common standards. For instance, trains should run on the same gauge, similar technologies for engines should be used, dimensions of containers should be similar. Such important technical points have been outlined and preliminary alignments are being finalised, to achieve seamless transportation. However, it will take a lot of work to achieve this," he added.

While the IMEC has been proposed to counter the Belt and Road Initiative of China, Chinese presence cannot be wished away along the IMEC route, officials said. "This is because the Piraeus port is controlled by China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company which is a Chinese state-owned company. Also, Chinese companies such as PowerChina, China State Construction Engineering Corporation and so on have qualified for multiple packages for Phase 1 and 2 of Etihad Rail," a senior official from a public sector undertaking said.

Currently, all trade between India and Europe happens via the sea route, that passes through Suez Canal, controlled by Egypt.

"The all-sea route is convenient as we are assured that our cargo will land from point to point. It moves seamlessly without any obstructions. However, in the alternatively proposed IMEC, the number of times the cargo will get offloaded as it changes hands from ship to rail will increase the handling costs which include terminal-handling charges, container yard charges and so on. That seems like a bit of a challenge," said Anil Devli, CEO of Indian Ship Owners Association .

The diplomatic sources said that Egypt, which could lose revenue if the Suez Canal is bypassed, could also raise objections to the plan. The IMEC MoU was signed by India, the U.S., Saudi Arabia, the UAE, the European Union, Italy, France and Germany, in the presence of all their leaders.

NIA searches 31 locations in T.N., Telangana in IS recruitment case

R Krishnamoorthy
COIMBATORE

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday carried out searches at 31 locations in Tamil Nadu and Telangana as part of a crackdown on a radicalisation and recruitment campaign by the Islamic State (IS) terror group. No arrest has been made so far, sources said.

The agency seized several digital devices, documents, and incriminating books in Indian and Arabic languages during the searches, in addition to ₹60 lakh in Indian currency and $18,200. The NIA is in the process of examining the data in the seized mobile phones, laptops and hard discs, it said in a press release.

NIA officials proceed to conduct searches in Coimbatore city on Saturday. S. SIVA SARAVANAN

The NIA teams searched 22 locations in Coimbatore, three in Chennai, one in Tenkasi district, and five in Hyderabad.

The case pertains to clandestine operations by a group of individuals to radicalise gullible youth. This was being carried out in the garb of holding Arabic language classes conducted through their regional study centres. Such activities were being flashed online through social media platforms and mobile applications, the NIA said. The investigations revealed that IS-inspired agent provocateurs were engaged in propagation of Khilafat ideology, which is inimical to India's constitutionally established principles of secularism, the agency said.

The group of persons involved in the case had entered into a conspiracy to radicalise and recruit youth who were later found involved in terrorist as well as unlawful acts and activities. One such terror attack related to the Coimbatore car bomb blast case of October 23, 2022, it said.

The agency said that investigations in the case were continuing, as part of the NIA's efforts to thwart the IS attempts to initiate vulnerable and susceptible youth into the terrorist network that is working actively to spread terror in the country with the overarching aim of disturbing and disrupting its peace and communal harmony.

With lessons from Ukraine war, Army revises artillery plan

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Drawing lessons from the Ukraine war, the Indian Army has revised the profile of its artillery regiment, with focus on a mix of mobility and augmented long-range firepower.

The Army expects to achieve its target of converting the entire artillery to medium 155-mm gun systems by 2042, a defence source in the know said.

"The Regiment of Artillery has done a detailed study along with the Operations Branch. In the revised Artillery profile, the Army is going for more self-propelled and mounted gun systems," the source said.

The source said that the first lesson learnt was that of firepower being a "battle-winning factor" and the need for a judicious mix of guns and missiles. Another important aspect is that the time, from acquiring the target to shooting, had gone down from five to 10 minutes to a mere minute or two.

The war also brought out the matter of increased survivability, the source said, referring to reports which suggested that Russia had lost 5,000 guns and rocket systems so far.

There is a need for methods for force preservation as well as to adopt shoot-and-scoot techniques. "The Russia-Ukraine conflict also shows that we need to be prepared for such a prolonged war," the source said, pointing to the strong defence industrial ecosystem that Russia has.

Outlining the priorities for the Army's artillery, sources said that the focus is on development of rockets and missile regiments with longer ranges and precision, development and modernisation of munitions with increased ranges and accuracy, reorganisation of surveillance and target acquisition (SATA) units for efficient surveillance, data management, coordination and targeting tasks, and development of effective sensor-shooter networks and processes.

There is also a major focus on indigenisation of munitions. SANDEEP SAXENA

The Army inducted the M777 Ultra Light Howitzer (ULH) in November 2018. It has since inducted all 145 guns contracted. In addition, 100 K9-Vajra Self Propelled Guns have been inducted and the Defence Acquisition Council has approved procurement of 100 more. "Limited trials have been conducted for that and the contract is expected very soon. Based on it we may go for more guns in future," a source said.

The Army has also placed orders for 114 Dhanush guns, indigenously upgraded based on the Bofors guns, and 300 Sharang guns, which are upgraded from 130mm guns to 155 mm. This is referred to as "upgunning".

There is a major focus on indigenisation of munitions, officials said, stating that four types of munitions were currently under trials.

3 infiltrators killed amid Pak. fire cover

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The Indian Army on Saturday accused the Pakistan Army of providing fire cover to infiltrators in Uri Sector of Baramulla, where three infiltrators were killed close to the Line of Control (LoC).

"Three infiltrators were killed in twin gunfights in Hathlanga area between 6.40 a.m. and 9.45 a.m. Two bodies were recovered. However, one injured infiltrator exfiltrated with the help of fire cover provided by Pakistani posts. The Army's quadcopters also came under fire from the Pakistan Army. However, the third militant too died [on the other side]," Brigadier P.M.S. Dhillon said.

The Army further accused the Pakistan Army of violating the ceasefire agreement, renewed in February 2020, and opening fire during an anti-infiltration operation in the Uri Sector in Baramulla district of north Kashmir.

It said the Pakistan Army's actions have once again established their involvement in infiltration "by providing fire cover and moral support". "It shows the Pakistan Army is involved to harm peace in Kashmir," Brigadier Dhillon said.

Kuno cheetahs to be let into the wild with collars on

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The cheetahs in Kuno are likely to be released into the wild after the onset of winter, and they will have their collars fitted back on them, S.P. Yadav, head of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and key official with Project Cheetah told *The Hindu*.

A year after PM Modi released the first of eight African cheetahs, flown from Namibia into enclosures at the Kuno National Park , Madhya Pradesh, the plan was to have the animals – later joined by a cohort of 12 cheetahs from South Africa – range in the 748 sq. km of the park.

However, a year later, six of the 20 animals had died, and of the quartet of the first litter born to one of the animals, three succumbed to Kuno's heat, with the surviving cub being hand-reared by park officials. While ailments and adapting to Indian conditions are believed to be behind the death of the animals, a particular cause of worry has been the death of two cheetahs reportedly by parasitical infections from open, untreated wounds around their necks.

To heaven and back at the roll of a dice

The Indian Knowledge Systems, under Education Ministry, has developed 6 indoor games that are rooted in indigenous knowledge; these will be introduced in schools from the next academic year

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

At a glance, the board game of Sarp-Rajju (snakes and ropes) looks like a regular set of snakes and ladders. A closer look reveals that there are ropes instead of ladders, with 72 (9x8) squares, and not 100, with nine being the number of sensory windows of the body and eight being its parts. Players start at cell 68, named *vaikuntha* (eternal bliss). The other cells too are named after elements from Hindu philosophy, like *moha* (delusion) and *kaama* (desire).

The board game of Sarp-Rajju. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Each throw of the dice indicates the number of cells the player must advance tracing their '*karmic* path' back towards *vaikuntha*. Sarp-Rajju and five other indoor games have been developed by Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), an innovation cell founded at the AICTE in 2020, under the Union Ministry of Education, to promote interdisciplinary research on aspects of indigenous knowledge.

The games have been divided into three segments: dice-based, strategic, and those based on engagement. This is in keeping with the Ministry's focus on the shift from rote-based to fun-filled learning that is one of the themes of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020. The aim is to promote creativity and a multi-faceted growth. These indoor games will be introduced to schoolchildren in the next academic year, under the Bharatiya Games programme.

The programme has already launched 75 outdoor games from different parts of the country in the current school year. Some popular ones are Langdi-Taang (hopscotch), javelin throw, Patang Uddayan (kite flying), Seeta Uddhar (prisoner's base), Mardani Khel (a form of martial arts). "Through these games, we plan to introduce the Indian world-view to children as well as adults," says Anuradha Choudhry, a coordinator with the IKS.

At meet, Congress calls for increasing existing upper limit of reservation

CWC meeting in Hyderabad rejects the 'one nation, one election' proposal as yet another brazen attack on the federal structure of the country; it voices opposition to the proposed Bill to change the appointment procedure of the Chief Election Commissioner and other commissioners of the EC

R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD

Noting the stubborn refusal of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to conduct a caste-based census in the country, the Congress Working Committee (CWC), at its first meeting in Hyderabad on Saturday, called for increasing the existing upper limit of reservations for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

Taking a serious view of what it perceived as a serious assault on the Constitution by the Narendra Modi government, the CWC rejected the "one nation, one election" proposal as yet another brazen attack on the federal structure of the country.

The committee voiced its opposition to the proposed Bill to change the procedure of appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner and the Election Commissioners.

Action plan: Party leader Sonia Gandhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and leader Rahul Gandhi at the Congress Working Committee meeting in Hyderabad on Saturday. NAGARA GOPAL

The party called upon all the democratic forces to oppose the Modi government's deliberate attempts to undermine the principles of cooperative federalism and its implementation.

The party's highest decision-making body also took a serious note of "increasing unemployment and continuous rise in prices". The CWC resolution called the *Rozgar Melas* (employment fairs) conducted by the Prime Minister a hoax. "So, we have inflation, unemployment, slowing growth, falling exports, falling imports and the government's responses... completely going back to the olden days of market distortion, import duties and other trade distorting measures. These are not the answer to India's economic challenge," former Finance Minister and senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram told presspersons.

14-point resolution

In the 14-point resolution, the CWC recalled Mr. Modi's call for a 10-year moratorium on casteism, communalism and regionalism.

"Ironically, the three evils have aggravated in the last nine years thanks to the divisive and discriminatory policies adopted by the Prime Minister, his government and his party," the CWC resolution said.

"The political discourse of the BJP, inside and outside Parliament, is laced with poison, promotes hate speech and violence, encourages divisive forces, and polarises society," it added.

Contributions of past Prime Ministers, especially of Jawaharlal Nehru, have been belittled and distorted, the resolution said.

Stating that farmers were burdened with growing debt and that agriculture and the rural economy are in deep distress, the meeting reminded the Modi government of the commitments it made to the farmers and farmers' organisations on the issue of minimum support price (MSP) and other demands.

The resolution passed by the CWC includes a demand for a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) into the revelations against the "Adani business group that has been the prime beneficiary of the Prime Minister's close friendship" and incursions by China into Indian territory.

The committee also highlighted the transformational moment in Indian politics brought about by the Bharat Jodo Yatra even as many members urged former Congress president Rahul Gandhi to launch a second edition of the yatra soon.

Naidu is victim of a 'politically vindictive' govt.: Nara Lokesh

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Nara Lokesh

Nara Lokesh, general secretary of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and son of the former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh N. Chandrababu Naidu, has accused the Jagan Mohan Reddy government in the State of political vindictiveness. His remarks come after his father was arrested by the police in a corruption case.

Mr. Lokesh also said that he feels "let down" by the BJP and the Congress, which have maintained a studied silence on the issue.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Lokesh said the TDP would be fighting the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, both due in 2024 in the State, in an alliance with the Pawan Kalyan-led Jana Sena Party (JSP).

"The JSP's continuance in the NDA while being in alliance with the TDP is something they [JSP] have to answer. Mr. Pawan Kalyan, in fact, had been asked this question, and he said that the BJP has to decide what it wants to do, since our alliance is now a done thing," Mr. Lokesh said.

Mr. Naidu was arrested on September 9, in connection with a case of corruption regarding the Andhra Pradesh Skill Development Corporation, and is currently under judicial remand at a jail in Rajahmundry.

Delhi visit

Mr. Lokesh arrived in Delhi for what he said was an effort to "put before the people of the rest of India" the way his father was being treated. He said that while the YSRCP-led government in the State had been lodging cases – as many as 22 cases against him – against anyone speaking against it, the trigger for reviving the skill development case was a pre-poll survey.

"There was a survey that came out, the C-Voter-*India Today* survey, which gave 15 [out of the 25 seats in A.P.] Lok Sabha seats to us. This was seen as an effect of my *padayatra* across the State, Naidu*ji*'s bus yatra, and Mr. Pawan Kalyan's yatra finding resonance. I think they [the Andhra Pradesh government] felt they had to act," he said.

"Jagan Mohan Reddy was given absolute power – he got 151 out of 175 Assembly seats in Andhra Pradesh – and absolute power corrupts absolutely, and corrupt people trouble honest people, which is what has been happening in Andhra Pradesh since 2019," he said, adding that Mr. Naidu was "just the latest victim" of a politically vindictive government.

'Let down by BJP, Cong.'

He said it was unfortunate that the BJP and Congress both felt unable to condemn Mr. Naidu's arrest. "I feel let down since everyone knows Mr. Naidu, that he stands for some credibility, and if something like this happens to someone like him, everyone should stand by him. He has been in public life for over four decades and the only mistake he has made was that he came in the way of this vindictive government," he said.

He said that the TDP was taking to the streets in Andhra Pradesh to drum up public support against the arrest, and that in Delhi, TDP MPs have sought time from Union Home Minister Amit Shah, which has, till now, not been allotted.

Mr. Lokesh said he was confident that the case in which Mr. Naidu has been arrested would not stand legal scrutiny.

NDA will win all 40 Lok Sabha seats in Bihar, says Amit Shah

The Hindu Bureau
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Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) would win all 40 seats in Bihar in the Lok Sabha election next year.

Addressing a public meeting at Jhanjharpur in Madhubani district, Mr. Shah alleged that under the *Mahagatbandhan* (grand alliance) regime, incidents of crime were increasing in the State.

The Home Minister also took a jibe at Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal(U) chief Nitish Kumar and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad.

"I am reading the newspapers of Bihar and everyday there is firing, looting, kidnapping, murder of journalists and murder of Dalits taking place in the State. I want to tell the people of Bihar that the selfish alliance will once again take Bihar to 'Jungle Raj'. Do the people of Jhanjharpur want Jungle Raj? Lalu*ji* has once again become active and Nitish*ji* has become inactive. You all can understand how Bihar will function if Lalu*ji* becomes active and Nitish*ji* turns inactive," Mr. Shah said.

He said that Mr. Kumar was ignoring the scam cases against Mr. Yadav.

"The alliance of RJD and JD(U) is an alliance of selfishness. Lalu*ji* wants to make his son the Chief Minister and Nitish*ji* wants to become the Prime Minister. *Nitishbabu aapki daal nahi galegi*. (Your plans won't work out Nitish*ji*). There is no vacancy for Prime Minister's post because once again Narendra Modi*ji* will occupy it," he said.

Mr. Shah also expressed anger over people speaking against *Sanatana Dharma* and the *Ramcharitmanas*.

"These people have only one job, that is appeasement. Lalu*ji* is ready to do anything for vote bank politics," Mr. Shah said.

INDIA bloc's proposed first joint rally in Bhopal cancelled, says Kamal Nath

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

The first proposed joint rally of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) in Bhopal in the first week of October on the issues of "rising prices, unemployment and corruption of the BJP government" may be a non-starter with Madhya Pradesh Congress president Kamal Nath announcing on Saturday that it has been cancelled.

"It is not going to happen," Mr. Nath told presspersons on the sidelines of a press conference called to announce the party's *Jan Aakrosh Yatra*.

Kamal Nath

Even as Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan attributed the move to "public anger" over the ongoing *Sanatana Dharma* row, there appeared to be some ambiguity among Congress leaders on the cancellation itself and the possible reason.

Nath to be CM if Cong. wins in M.P.

RAIPUR

The Congress on Saturday said that its current State president and former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath will be the Chief Minister if the party wins the Assembly polls due later this year.

"There is anger and sorrow among the people of Madhya Pradesh (over the anti-Sanatana Dharma remarks). They (the Opposition) were afraid the people might express their anger and hence cancelled the rally," he said.

At the press conference earlier, the party's Madhya Pradesh in-charge, Randeep Singh Surjewala, said that a final decision had not been taken on the rally and it was being discussed by Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge with other alliance partners.

At the Congress Working Committee meeting, senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram said he was not aware of the reasons for the cancellation but rejected Mr. Chouhan's charge.

Situation in Manipur is tense, govt. has to take decisions: RSS

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The situation in Manipur is worrisome but it is the government that needs to take decisions as the conflict is between two communities, Manmohan Vaidya, joint general secretary of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh, said on Saturday.

Mr. Vaidya was speaking to presspersons at the end of the three-day annual coordination meet of the RSS in Pune. "The situation in Manipur is tense and this is what our volunteers reported to us in the meeting. We are all doing our work but the government has to take decisions for the conflict that exists between the Kuki and Meitei [communities]. As part of the RSS's work, our volunteers are in touch with both groups and service work is being done for both," he added.

Speaking on the 'India and Bharat' naming issue, he said that no country had two names. "The name Bharat has civilisational value and this is why it should only be Bharat," he said.

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INBRIEF

84 artists get Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit awards

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday presented the one-time Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit awards to 84 artists from varied fields of performing arts. The award was instituted to honour Indian artists aged above 75 who have not been accorded any national honour in their career so far. Mr. Dhankhar said this is the first time in the nation's history that these artists are being recognised for their work. "All these artists are those who have never been given their due in the past 75 years. By giving them respect, we give respect to the Indian culture; it increases India's glory in the world," he said. The Vice-President added it is important to help such artists in a "structured manner" through several schemes.

Brij Bhushan has not been exonerated by panel: police

The Delhi police on Saturday submitted in the Rouse Avenue Court that the oversight committee constituted by the Union Sports Ministry to probe sexual harassment allegations against former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh had never exonerated him. The submissions were made in the court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Harjeet Singh Jaspal who is currently hearing the arguments on framing of charges against Mr. Singh and one other co-accused in this case. "Mr. Singh was not exonerated by the oversight committee. The committee had given certain recommendations," public prosecutor Atul Srivastava said.

All hospitals to get organ harvesting units: Minister

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Saturday that an arrangement for organ retrieval would be made in all hospitals and medical colleges of the country by the end of 2024. He said this while he was inaugurating a super-specialty block at the Sarojini Naidu Medical College, Agra. The government has also decided to give financial assistance of ₹10,000 per month to all the poor people undergoing organ transplant. "Arrangements will also be made for their regular check-ups," the Health Minister added. Mr. Mandaviya said that there can be no greater service to mankind than donating organs to save another life.

ICMR to expand its network of BSL-3, BSL-4 laboratories

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is collaborating with eight premier scientific organisations in India to establish the National Institute of One Health to roll out the National One Health Mission across the country to strengthen multidisciplinary approaches in health research. The ICMR is also working to expand its network of BSL-3 and BSL-4 laboratories to strengthen diagnostic infrastructure and enhance access to laboratory services, Rajiv Bahl, Director-General, ICMR, said at a press conference earlier this week outlining the council's vision for health research in India.

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Centre publishes disability database stripped of socio-economic figures

Ministry doubts 'quality' of socio-economic data collected; not many filled the socio-economic fields as they were not mandatory, say officials; earlier this year, a parliamentary panel had raised doubts about the department's ability to collect accurate population through UDID mechanism in time

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Union government is shelving whatever socio-economic data it had collected while registering about 94 lakh Persons with Disabilities across the country for the issue of Unique Disability ID (UDID) cards in the past six years, *The Hindu* has learnt. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is justifying the move by questioning the "quality" of the socio-economic data collected.

The data being shelved include information such as socio-economic category (caste), level of education, employment status, income (personal and family) and marital status of PwDs, with officials saying the focus of the form was always to collect disability data and hence all these fields were made optional. Consequently, many skipped them.

Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) of the Social Justice Ministry, said, "The data are not being released because of quality issues." When asked if the department intends to pursue collecting socio-economic data for future UDID registrations, he said, "The basic purpose of the form is to get a disability certificate... and also, we cannot afford to make the form too lengthy by seeking information we cannot verify."

The department this week published aggregated data from the around 94 lakh UDID registrations, minus the socio-economic data, with a statement alongside spelling out the objective of the project – to "create a national database for all Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) along with their socio-economic details" so that policy-making and interventions can be targeted.

The government has not officially disclosed the exact number of people who filled in the socio-economic fields for which data are being shelved. The first UDID card was issued in January 2017.

The Centre has said the aggregated UDID data were meant to influence e-commerce organisations to design their platforms in a way that increases usability and purchase cycles among PwDs. It has added that the data were also to help efficient allocation of resources to address the specific needs of PwDs from various communities. Further, the department said the data were supposed to influence the education sector to introduce special educators and special requirements for PwDs.

Unique identity: The Union government is issuing unique disability ID cards. G.N. RAO

However, the fate of these objectives is now in limbo – with the government choosing not to publish whatever data were collected in the fields of personal and family income (spouse and father), whether they were Below Poverty Line, employment status, occupation, socio-economic category (SC/ST/OBC/General), and level of education.

A senior government official told *The Hindu*, "For instance, marital status – only about 15% of those registered have filled it in. It is not enough data to be significant. Again, for income, just 40% have filled it in. The department has no way to verify the extent to which this information is accurate." Another official aware of the programme's implementation said that "not enough" PwDs had responded to fields such as education and socio-economic category (SC/ST/OBC/General) either, adding this was among the primary reasons for discounting this data. "On the other hand, the medical data and disability-related data is high-quality because that is verified by doctors. And since the purpose was to register people for disability certificates to make them eligible for the department's schemes, only those fields were made mandatory," they said.

Even among the benefits offered by the DEPwD to PwDs, four of seven are related to special education and vocational training programmes, skill training and scholarships.

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> Union Secretary

UDID information

The data that has been released on the data.gov.in portal contains UDID information district-wise, gender-wise, age-wise, and disability type-wise (including level of disability). The government said it hoped this will help NGOs in the social sector and researchers to build physical infrastructure that is accessible for persons with specific types and levels of disabilities. This data are meant to be updated every quarter, the government has said.

It had added that the database was also meant to help design accessible websites and applications and "connect PwDs to digital India". However, nowhere in the UDID form is any section seeking information on existing computer, mobile, and Internet usage among PwDs.

As the government's plans to create a unified database of disability and socio-economic data for PwDs goes into cold storage, a Parliamentary panel had, earlier this year, doubted the Department's ability to even collect accurate population data through the UDID mechanism in time.

The government had told the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment that data on PwDs are largely taken from the decennial censuses conducted by the Office of the Registrar-General and sample surveys on disability conducted by the National Sample Survey of the National Statistical Office.

With the 2021 Census delayed indefinitely, the government had explained that UDID forms were meant to elicit enough information to design targeted policies for them. To this, the panel, in its July report, had said, "By the department's own admission, it has issued 94.09 lakh UDID cards so far whereas the PwD population even 10 years ago was more than double that number." The Centre has already been under attack from experts, activists, and Opposition leaders for dropping disability-related questions from the forms issued for the sixth round of the NFHS this year.

Canada, India trade talks paused over 'certain issues', says Goyal

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday confirmed that the ongoing trade negotiation with Canada has frozen due to disagreements on "certain issues". His remarks came soon after Canada cancelled a trade mission to India that was to arrive in Mumbai in October.

"We have given the trade dialogue with Canada a pause. We need to make sure that geopolitically and economically we are on the same page...we have had certain issues which are of serious concern and have been highlighted in the bilateral meeting [between PM Narendra Modi and PM Justin Trudeau]," he said.

Earlier this month, Indian High Commissioner to Canada Sanjay Kumar Verma had indicated that the talks had stalled.

"The Canadian side has requested that, let us take a pause and then we will restart. There is an honest request from the Canadian side," Mr. Verma told *The Canadian Press* on September 1.

This was followed by remarks by Canadian officials who accompanied Mr. Trudeau to the G-20 summit here during which they said that India had strongly objected to certain political developments within Canada.

India and Canada have held six rounds of trade talks for Early Progress Trade Agreement (EPTA) so far and the sixth round of the discussion was held in Ottawa in the first week of May between Mr. Goyal and Mary Ng, Canada's Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development.

Gita Mehta, writer and 1971 war correspondent, passes away

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

Gita Mehta, writer, journalist and elder sister of Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, passed away in New Delhi on Saturday.

Mehta (80) had been ailing for quite some time. Daughter of former Odisha Chief Minister Biju Patnaik, Mehta was a war correspondent for a foreign television channel during 1971. She had extensively covered the creation of Bangladesh. Her documentary films on Bangladesh were then widely appreciated.

She has written five books – *Karma Cola*, *Snakes and Ladders: Glimpses of Modern India*, *A River Sutra*, *Raj*, and *Eternal Ganesha: From Birth to Rebirth*. Mehta was married to Sonny Mehta, former head of the Alfred A. Knopf publishing house, who died in 2019.

Gita Mehta

Born in 1943 to Biju and Gyan Patnaik in New Delhi, she had her education in India and University of Cambridge. In 2019, Mehta had declined the Padma Shri award bestowed on her by the Union government. She had then said her acceptance of the civilian award would be misconstrued just ahead of the Lok Sabha election.

Political leaders across party lines expressed condolences. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "I am saddened by the passing away of noted writer Gita Mehta Ji. She was a multifaceted personality, known for her intellect and passion towards writing as well as film-making."

Dolls from Manipur camps to spread smiles globally

Training is being imparted to displaced people living in five relief camps to make amigurumi dolls for export; those who fled their homes and lost everything in the ethnic violence are finding new hope in crocheting various characters

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI/IMPHAL

Dolls crocheted by displaced people living in relief camps in ethnic conflict-hit Manipur are set to go global.

1 Million Heroes, a multi-platform entertainment brand for children, has undertaken a project to train the State's internally displaced people in crocheting amigurumi dolls for export.

The ethnic violence, which broke out on May 3, has so far claimed 175 lives, injured 1,108 and displaced 60,000 people. More than 4,780 houses have been set on fire.

The training is being imparted in five relief camps across Manipur, one of them in Khangabok of Thoubal district housing 210 people. Laishram Geeta Leima, a 36-year-old mother of three, is one of the trainees who hopes to sustain her family by producing the dolls on a larger scale. She had fled her home when armed miscreants attacked Sugnu Awang Leikai village in the Kakching district on May 27.

1 Million Heroes is also engaging with corporate houses to market the amigurumi dolls produced by the inmates. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"I have almost mastered the art, which is satisfying and productive as well. I hope the new skill would ensure a future for my children during and after such tough times," she said.

Agom Sangeeta Leima, 48, who also fled her home in Sugnu, said the doll-making training had boosted her confidence by showing her a way to overcome financial challenges.

Trainers assigned by 1 Million Heroes have been visiting the five relief camps since the first week of August, concentrating on five characters conceived as the first line of the global amigurumi doll brand – Buddy the pet dog, Mitten the cat, Raja the tiger, Oliver the bear and Bola the teddy bear.

Training programmes

Master trainer Utpala Longjam said the training programme has been progressing well.

"It was not difficult to train as most of them knew the basics of crochet. We are teaching them the pattern and the right way to go about it. Once they become comfortable with the needle, crochet and patterns, we would be providing them with the cotton yarn for the actual product," she said. Monish Karam, the founder of 1 Million Heroes, said the project had germinated in Singapore where he was living when the violence started in May.

"We wanted to do something for the people back home to help rebuild their lives sustainably. The dolls were thought of because our women are quite good in handicraft and handloom," he said.

"What they are producing are not mere dolls. We believe they are the symbol of hope and vessels of storytelling," Mr. Karam said, adding that 1 Million Heroes is handling the entire gamut from designing and supplying raw materials to marketing the products.

V-P to hoist Tricolour at new House building today

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar will hoist the National Flag at the new Parliament building on Sunday. The flag hoisting ceremony will take place a day before the five-day Parliament session beginning Monday which may see parliamentary proceedings shift from the old to the adjacent new building.

According to the Lok Sabha Secretariat, Mr. Dhankhar will hoist the flag atop the "Gaja Dwar" of the building. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will be present.

Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, however, said he would not be able to attend the flag-hoisting function and expressed disappointment over getting the invite "quite late".

LAHORE

Pak. court objects to reopening case of Bhagat Singh's sentencing

FILE PHOTO

A Pakistan court raised an objection on a plea to reopen the case of Independence war hero Bhagat Singh's sentencing in 1931 and to set it aside by exercising the principles of review and honour him with posthumous state awards. The Lahore High Court also turned down the constitution of a larger Bench to listen to the petition. PTI

LONDON

U.K. comedian Russell Brand accused of sexual assault: media

REUTERS

British comedian and actor Russell Brand has been accused of rape, sexual assaults and emotional abuse during a seven-year period, according to the results of a media investigation published on Saturday. Four women have alleged sexual assaults between 2006 and 2013 when Brand was at the height of his fame. AFP

HONG KONG

Lesbian couple in Hong Kong register victory in IVF court case

REUTERS

A Hong Kong court sided with a lesbian couple who argued that both women should have parental status over their child born via "reciprocal IVF", a ruling hailed as a win for the LGBTQ community The medical procedure allows two women to share in the process of childbearing and is credited with helping couples start families. AFP

MOSCOW

Kim Jong-un inspects key weapons along with Russian defence chief

AFP

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un met on Saturday with Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu in Vladivostok, where he inspected state-of-the-art weapons including a hypersonic missile system on the latest leg of a rare visit outside his country. The pair also inspected some of Russia's nuclear bombers at an airfield. AFP

Iran marks one year since the death of Mahsa Amini

Security forces detain her father for a brief while; officials deployed in Kurdish areas of the country in anticipation of unrest; Amini was killed at the hands of morality police

Reuters

Wrong signal: Iran President Ebrahim Raisi meeting with families of security personnel killed in last year's mass protests. AFP

Iranian security forces briefly detained the father of Mahsa Amini on Saturday and spread across mainly Kurdish areas of the country, a year after her death in police custody set off some of the biggest protests since the fall of the Shah in 1979. Authorities prevented the family from holding a ceremony to commemorate the instance.

State-affiliated media reported arrests of several "counter revolutionaries" and "terrorists" in different Iranian cities and said security forces had foiled plots to create disturbances around illegal demonstrations.

The death in custody of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish woman arrested by the morality police last year for allegedly flouting mandatory dress codes, triggered months of some of the biggest protests against the Islamic Republic's Shi'ite clerical rule ever seen and drew international condemnation.

On Saturday, the first anniversary of her death, a massive security force presence was deployed in Iran's mostly Kurdish areas on Saturday in anticipation of unrest, according to human rights groups.

One video posted on social media showed a group of demonstrators in Gohardasht chanting "We are a great nation, and will take back Iran" while drivers honked their horns and shouted encouragement. Reuters could not immediately authenticate the video.

Mahsa's father, Amjad Amini, was warned against marking the anniversary of his daughter's death before being released, the Kurdistan Human Rights Network said. Iran's official IRNA news agency denied that Amjad Amini was arrested, but it did not say if he was briefly detained or warned.

Social media and reports by rights groups spoke of security forces taking up positions around Amini's home in Saqez.

In a statement, U.S. President Joe Biden said: "Mahsa's story did not end with her brutal death. She inspired a historic movement – Woman, Life, Freedom – that has impacted Iran and influenced people across the globe."

Sanctions imposed

Britain on Friday imposed sanctions on four Iranian officials and the U.S. said it was sanctioning more than two dozen individuals and entities connected to Iran's "violent suppression" of protests.

Foreign aid arrives in flood-hit Libya but hopes to find survivors dwindle

Agence France-Presse
DERNA

Tall cost: A car damaged in the aftermath of the floods in Derna in Libya on Saturday. REUTERS

Shipments of international aid began to arrive in Libya on Saturday, offering a lifeline to thousands despite dwindling hopes of finding more survivors days after deadly flash floods.

Sunday's floods submerged the port city of Derna, washing thousands of people and homes out to sea after two upstream dams burst under the pressure of torrential rains triggered by a hurricane-strength storm.

Conflicting death tolls have been reported, with the Health Minister of the eastern-based administration, Othman Abdeljalil, putting the number of lives lost at 3,166.

The World Health Organization said "the bodies of 3,958 people have been recovered and identified", with 9,000 more still missing, as it announced 29 tonnes of aid had arrived in the eastern city of Benghazi.

'Epic proportions'

"This is a disaster of epic proportions," said Ahmed Zouiten, the WHO's Libya representative. "We are saddened by the unspeakable loss of thousands of souls," he added.

An AFP correspondent saw two aid-laden planes, one from the United Arab Emirates and another from Iran, land in Benghazi, more than 300 kilometres west of Derna.

A steady stream of vehicles trickled into Derna on a makeshift road as diggers toiled to shift rubble near an apartment block with a missing facade. In Al-Bayda, 100 km west of Derna, people worked to clear roads and homes of the mounds of mud left behind by the flash flood.

The floods were caused by hurricane-strength Storm Daniel, compounded by the poor infrastructure in Libya, which was plunged into turmoil after a NATO-backed uprising toppled and killed long-time dictator Moamer Kadhafi in 2011.

The Islamic Relief aid organisation warned of a "second humanitarian crisis", pointing to the "growing risk of water-borne diseases and shortages of food, shelter and medicine".

But the Red Cross and the World Health Organization pointed out that contrary to widespread belief, the bodies of victims of natural disasters rarely pose a health threat.

Pakistan spy agency chief gets one-year extension

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Lieutenant General Nadeem Anjum will remain the chief of Pakistan's spy agency ISI for one more year after the caretaker government extended his tenure, according to a media report on Saturday.

Lieutenant General Anjum was appointed as Director General (DG) of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) on November 20, 2021 when he replaced Faiz Hameed.

A summary to grant an extension to Mr. Anjum was approved late on Thursday, *The News* newspaper reported.

Mr. Anjum was earlier the commander of Karachi Corps where he had served since his promotion to three-star general in September 2019.

Former U.S. diplomat gets probation for ethics violations

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Richard Olson

Richard Olson, a former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan and the UAE, was sentenced to three years of probation for violating federal ethics laws. The 63-year-old Mr. Olson was also fined $93,400 after pleading guilty to charges he misused his official position for personal gain.

Mr. Olson, who served as the U.S. envoy to Pakistan from 2012 to 2015, pleaded guilty in June of last year to making a false statement and violating laws governing lobbying for a foreign government.

Mr. Olson was accused of helping the government of Qatar influence U.S. policymakers shortly after retiring from the State Department in 2016.

According to the U.S. Attorney, Mr. Olson, while serving as the U.S. envoy to Pakistan, also received favours from a Pakistani-American businessman identified in documents only as "Person 1."

They included $25,000 paid to Mr. Olson's then-girlfriend to help pay her tuition at Columbia University in New York and $18,000 in first class travel for the Ambassador to attend a job interview in London.

Taliban detain staff members of Swiss NGO in Afghanistan

Agence France-Presse
KABUL

Afghanistan's Taliban authorities have detained 18 staff members of a Swiss-registered NGO, including a foreigner, the group said on Saturday.

The International Assistance Mission (IAM) said the staff members were picked up from its office in Ghor province, central Afghanistan, and taken to the capital Kabul.

IAM has operated in Afghanistan since 1966, when it started specialising in eye care but has since branched out into other areas of health and education.

Its website describes the organisation as based on Christian values, but says it does not provide aid according to political or religious belief.

Yet another hike smashes fuel price record in Pakistan, triggers furore

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Amid double-digit inflation, Pakistan's caretaker government has effected yet another hike in the prices of petrol and diesel taking them to a historic high – over (Pakistani) Rs. 330 per litre – prompting immediate protests and a legal challenge too.

As on Saturday, $1 was equivalent to 296.41 Pakistani Rupee.

The Ministry of Finance on Friday night announced the price hike of petrol by Rs 26.02 and diesel by Rs 17.34 per litre.

After the hike, petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) are costing over Rs 330 at the filling stations, "a psychological barrier that has been crossed for the first time in the country's history," the Dawn newspaper wrote.

The fuel price hike comes on the heels of over 27.4% increase in the rate of inflation in August, putting an unbearable burden on the masses.

The caretaker government on September 1 jacking up the petrol and diesel prices by over Rs 14.

The rise is on top of Rs 32.41 and Rs 38.49 per litre increase in petrol and HSD prices since August 15.

Petrol and diesel have become costlier by 20% since the caretaker government took over in August.

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E- TENDER NOTICE
Online bids are invited for the procurement of 3 HP Drugs for LTBI for Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Kerala vide e-tender no KMSCL/ ED/LTBI/RC/2023/015 dated: 15.09.2023.

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Tender Qty.	Last Date & time of Uploading of tender	Date & time of Technical Bid opening
1.	ISONIAZID (H) AND RIFAPENTINE (P) (3HP Tab) (Each tablet contain Isoniazid 300mg and Rifapentine 300mg.)	4,32,000	03.10.2023 5.00 pm.	07.10.2023 11.00 am.

Tender documents can be downloaded from the website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.
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Bid for Construction work of Multipurpose Indoor Hall at Khitana Dist. Jhunjhnu are invited from interested bidders up to 18:00hrs, 21.09.2023 for Item no. 1 through E-procurement for NIT 20/2023-24. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in**) of the state; and **http://urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rudsico** departmental website. The total approximate value of procurement is Rs. 403 Lacs.
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Tenders are invited through E-Procurement for the works approved Under JJM Head of grants for the year 2022-23. Under Two Cover System. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 26-09-2023 upto 4.00 PM.** For further details contact the above address during office hours or visit Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
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Over 75% of European bumblebee species threatened

The Hindu Bureau

More than 75% of European bumblebee species may be threatened in the next 40-60 years according to worst-case-scenario projections of bumblebee populations, according to a paper published in *Nature*.

Degradation of habitats and alterations of climate due to human activity are identified as key drivers of these estimated population declines.

The findings underscore the importance of climate change mitigation policies to protect bumblebees.

Key drivers of wildlife

"Our results underline the critical role of global change mitigation policies as effective levers to protect bumblebees from manmade transformation of the biosphere," the authors write. Around 90% of all wild plants and most crop plants benefit from pollination by animals. The bumblebee (Bombus) is a genus of bees considered to be especially important for the pollination of crops in the cold and temperate regions of the northern hemisphere.

Human-generated transformations of natural habitats and increases in temperature are implicated as key drivers of wildlife collapse; understanding the trajectory of insect populations is important for devising conservation efforts.

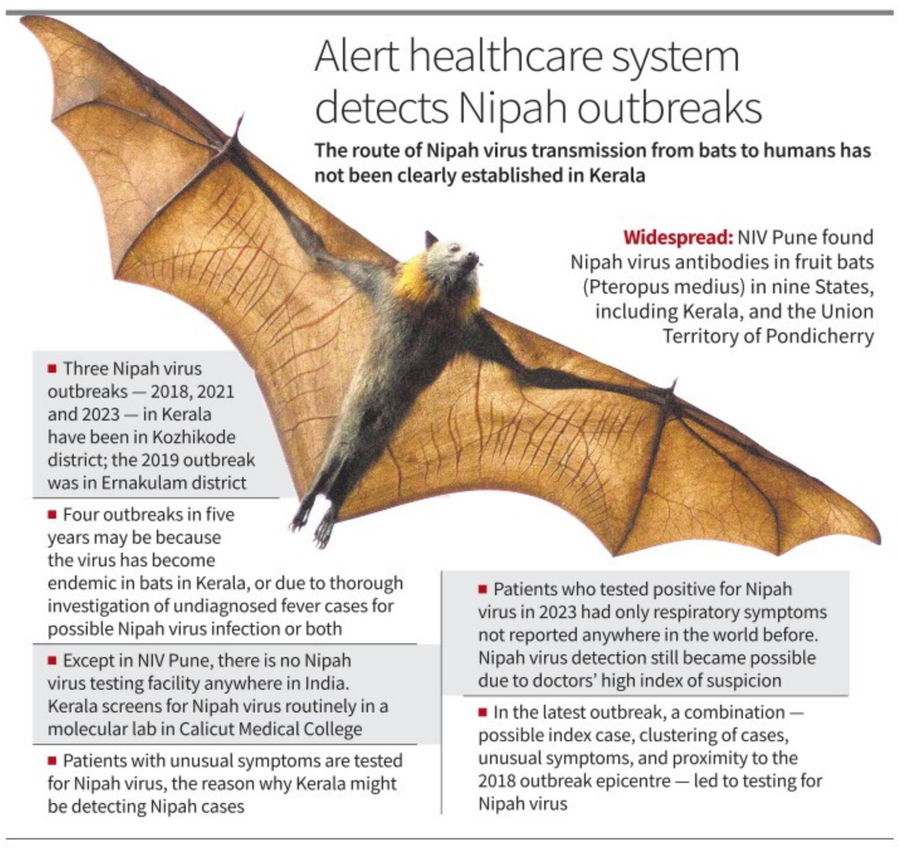
Guillaume Ghisbain from Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium and others quantify past, present and future ecological suitability of Europe for bumblebees. Observational data cover the periods 1901-1970 (past) and 2000-2014 ('present day'), and projections are made up to 2080. Around 38-76% of European bumblebee species currently considered as non-threatened are projected to see their ecologically suitable territory shrink by at least 30% by 2061-2080.

In particular, species from Arctic and alpine environments may be at the verge of extinction in Europe, with an expected loss of at least 90% of their territory in the same period. The authors report that parts of Scandinavia may potentially become refuges for displaced or threatened species, although it remains unclear whether these regions may be affected by human activity-driven changes.

Why Nipah virus outbreaks are occurring only in Kerala

With fruit bats positive for Nipah virus antibodies seen in other States, it is likely that Nipah virus infection and deaths may be going undetected in other States while they get picked up in Kerala, especially in Kozhikode district

R. Prasad


Alert healthcare system detects Nipah outbreaks
The route of Nipah virus transmission from bats to humans has not been clearly established in Kerala
Widespread: NIV Pune found Nipah virus antibodies in fruit bats (Pteropus medius) in nine States, including Kerala, and the Union Territory of Pondicherry
Three Nipah virus outbreaks — 2018, 2021 and 2023 — in Kerala have been in Kozhikode district; the 2019 outbreak was in Ernakulam district
Four outbreaks in five years may be because the virus has become endemic in bats in Kerala, or due to thorough investigation of undiagnosed fever cases for possible Nipah virus infection or both
Except in NIV Pune, there is no Nipah virus testing facility anywhere in India. Kerala screens for Nipah virus routinely in a molecular lab in Calicut Medical College
Patients with unusual symptoms are tested for Nipah virus, the reason why Kerala might be detecting Nipah cases
Patients who tested positive for Nipah virus in 2023 had only respiratory symptoms not reported anywhere in the world before. Nipah virus detection still became possible due to doctors' high index of suspicion
In the latest outbreak, a combination — possible index case, clustering of cases, unusual symptoms, and proximity to the 2018 outbreak epicentre — led to testing for Nipah virus

Since May 2018 when Kerala reported the first Nipah outbreak in Kozhikode district, there have been three more outbreaks of Nipah virus including the latest one in late-August 2023. For reasons still not known, three of the four Nipah outbreaks in Kerala in 2018, 2021 and 2023 have been in Kozhikode district; the 2019 outbreak was in Ernakulam district. Even five years after the first outbreak, and four outbreaks in all, it is still unclear why three of the four outbreaks have been in Kozhikode district in Kerala. Fruit bats that can cause Nipah virus outbreaks in humans are not restricted to Kozhikode district.

As per a 2021 study, Nipah virus was found to be in circulation in fruit bats (*Pteropus* species) in "many districts" in Kerala. An ongoing survey in 14 States by NIV Pune has found Nipah virus antibodies in fruit bats (*Pteropus medius*) in nine States, including Kerala, and the Union Territory of Pondicherry. While date palm sap was linked to Nipah virus outbreaks in Bangladesh, and pigs acting as intermediate hosts were responsible for Nipah outbreaks in Malaysia, the route of virus transmission from bats to humans has not been clearly established in Kerala.

The four outbreaks in five years may be because the virus has either become endemic in bats in Kerala or is a reflection of Kerala's superior healthcare system that thoroughly investigates undiagnosed fever cases for possible Nipah virus infection or both. However, with fruit bats positive for Nipah virus antibodies being found in other States, it is likely that Nipah virus infection and deaths may be going undetected in other States while they get picked up in Kerala, especially in Kozhikode district.

"Whenever we have undiagnosed fever cases, a team involving virologists is formed and we undertake a detailed investigation which helps us diagnose Nipah virus and other new virus outbreaks early. In other States, Nipah cases might be going undetected," says Dr. Anoop Kumar A.S., Director of Critical Care Medicine, North Kerala Cluster, Aster MIMS Calicut, Kerala. Dr. Kumar played a pivotal role in detecting the Nipah virus outbreak in Kerala in 2018 and 2023.

In the 2019 and 2021 outbreak, there was only a single case without any human-to-human transmission. "Nipah virus infection and deaths might have happened in different parts of India in people with undiagnosed fever, which might have gone undetected. Also, there is no Nipah testing facility anywhere in India except NIV Pune. Only Kerala screens for Nipah virus routinely in a molecular lab in Calicut Medical College," he says. "While other States may not be routinely sending samples for Nipah virus testing, we test for Nipah whenever there are cases with unusual symptoms. That might be the reason why Kerala is detecting Nipah cases."

Usually, people with Nipah virus infection present with encephalitic symptoms. But in the latest outbreak, patients presented with pure respiratory symptoms, not reported anywhere in the world before. "But we could still identify them as Nipah only because we have a high index of suspicion," says Dr. Kumar. In 2018 and in 2023, the index case had died with encephalitis in 2018 and severe pneumonia in 2023 that went unnoticed. In 2018, a cluster formed and Nipah virus was diagnosed among three contacts who were admitted with unusual symptoms about two weeks after the death of the index case. "There was a [possible] index case, clustering and unusual symptoms seen in the contacts. There was a high index of suspicion and that led us to diagnose Nipah virus in 2018," recalls Dr. Kumar. In the latest outbreak, there was a death in another hospital in Kozhikode city on August 30 and four of the family members developed unusual symptoms on September 9 and were admitted two days later at Aster MIMS Calicut. Nipah virus was diagnosed the very next day after admission.

"We noticed a clustering of cases after the death of the person. During a detailed history taking we came to know that the person who died had unusual symptoms. And the family was from a locality quite close (10-15 km) to the 2018 outbreak epicentre. There was a high index of suspicion of a new emerging virus or Nipah due to the combination of a [possible] index case, clustering of cases, unusual symptoms and proximity to the first outbreak epicentre. So we first tested for Nipah virus," he says. At the time the deaths happened in the index case in 2018 and 2023, Nipah virus was not diagnosed. In 2019 and 2021, only a single case was detected (ending in death in 2021 unlike in 2019). This raises the possibility of several people getting infected with Nipah virus and even dying without a diagnosis in other parts of Kerala and other States, especially when only one or a few cases occur, he says.

Evasive nutritional support for TB patients

The Hindu Bureau

Undernutrition is the leading risk factor for TB disease. In 2019, Preeti Sudan, Secretary in the Health Ministry noted letter that undernutrition at the population level contributes to 55% of annual TB incidence in India.

A 2022 study noted that 45% of people in India are undernourished, accounting for nearly 1.2 million TB cases each year. Yet, nutrition support became a part of the national TB programme only in April 2018 when Nikshay Poshan Yojana – a direct benefit transfer (DBT) scheme for nutritional support to TB patients – was launched. Under this programme, ₹500 per month is credited into the account of a person with TB for the duration of treatment.

In September 2022, India launched another nutrition support programme called *Nikshay Mitra* to consented TB patients. And in 2022, Tamil Nadu became the first and only State to launch the Differentiated TB Care programme to reduce the mortality rate among TB patients. Severe undernutrition is one of the three parameters used for triaging TB patients at the time of diagnosis.

During triaging as part of the Differentiated TB Care programme, it became evident that 52% of notified TB patients in Tamil Nadu had undernutrition, and 25% had severe undernutrition. If undernutrition among TB patients is so high even in Tamil Nadu, the situation might be far worse in many northern States which have higher levels of undernutrition in the general population.

All the three initiatives provide nutrition support only to TB patients to reduce mortality and not to the family members also to prevent TB disease. The nutrition status of TB patients at the time of diagnosis is largely a reflection of the family's nutrition level. The 2017 guidance document on nutritional care and support for patients with TB in India had recommended that the family members are provided with a "food basket as they likely to be food insecure, chronically energy deficient and at high risk of contracting TB". This is yet to become a reality.

Huge: Undernourishment causes nearly 1.2 million TB cases each year in India. AP

The RATIONS trial in Jharkhand has underscored the importance of providing nutrition support to family members to prevent TB disease. In the trial, TB disease among household contacts was prevented in 39% (all forms of TB) to 48% (pulmonary TB) through nutritional support.

Nikshay Poshan Yojana

As per the India TB report 2023, of the 2.4 million notified TB cases, only 1.6 million (66%) received at least one month's payment in 2022 under the Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana programme. There has been very little increase in the number of beneficiaries in the last three years. For instance, in 2021, only 62.1% of the 2.1 million notified cases in India received at least one payment. In 2020 too, only 62% of notified TB cases received at least one month payment.

A January 2022 retrospective cohort study carried out during January-September 2019 among 426 patients found that the assistance was not reaching the poorest among the poor who need nutritional support the most due to the lack of basic documents. The study also recorded a delay of 56 days to receive the first instalment. Also, 49% of patients received the last instalment after treatment completion. TB patients perceived the assistance provided under the Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana programme was "insufficient to buy nutritious food throughout the course of treatment".

SNAPSHOTS

In songbirds, complex vocal learning predicts brain size

Vocal learning complexity, or the ability to imitate sounds, is associated with better problem-solving abilities and larger brains in songbird species, a study found. Whether vocal learning complexity was linked with such cognitive phenotypes was previously unknown. Complex vocal learning is a crucial component of human spoken language and has been assumed to be associated with advanced cognitive abilities. Outside of humans, it has been observed in a small number of taxa, including songbirds.

New neural network enables autonomous drone to race

A new neural network system enabled autonomous drones to race at velocities of up to 108 km per hour, beating counterparts piloted by competitive human drone racers on the same aerial racetrack. The work emphasises the value of reinforcement learning as a training method over other optimal control methods, which researchers considered just as useful for agile autonomous flight. Autonomous drones require control systems that enable adaptable movement and split-second decision-making during flight.

Solar-powered microfliers gather environmental data

A new design for solar-powered, origami-based microfliers – robotic designs that float like seeds – supports more effective collection and transmission of environmental data. In outdoor tests, these microfliers dynamically changed shape after dropping from drones, gliding and gathering details about air pressure and temperature during their descent. They transmitted these data to nearby Bluetooth receivers for record keeping.

Question Corner

Keeping it at bay

Is it possible to reduce the risk of depression?

A healthy lifestyle that involves moderate alcohol consumption, a healthy diet, regular physical activity, healthy sleep and frequent social connection, while avoiding smoking and too much sedentary behaviour, reduces the risk of depression, new research has found (*Nature Mental Health*). To better understand the relationship between these factors and depression, the researchers turned to the U.K. Biobank. By examining data over a nine-year period, the team was able to identify seven healthy lifestyle factors linked with a lower risk of depression. Of all of these , having a good night's sleep made the biggest difference, reducing the risk of depression by 22%. Frequent social connection, reduced the risk of depression by 18% and was the most protective against depressive disorder. Moderate alcohol consumption decreased the risk of depression by 11%, healthy diet by 6%, regular physical activity by 14%, never smoking by 20%, and low-to-moderate sedentary behaviour by 13%.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

What is driving the Global Biofuels Alliance?

What type of biofuel is the alliance going to concentrate on? Why are countries trying to find alternatives?

Kunal Shankar

The story so far:

On September 10, on the sidelines of the annual G-20 summit in New Delhi, an India-led grouping came together to give impetus to the production and use of biofuels, an alternative to fossil fuels like petroleum and diesel. The grouping, called the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) would attempt to bring countries together to co-develop, accelerate technological advances in production processes, and advocate for the use of biofuels particularly in the transport sector. The three founding members, India, the U.S. and Brazil, were joined by Argentina, Canada, Italy and South Africa, who are also G-20 member countries.

What are biofuels?

The International Energy Agency (IEA) defines biofuels as "liquid fuels derived from biomass and used as an alternative to fossil fuel based liquid transportation fuels such as gasoline, diesel and aviation fuels."

Are biofuels an alternative to fossil fuels?

Experts in the field make a distinction between biofuels and sustainable biofuels. The former is derived from crops grown specifically to produce biofuels such as sugarcane, corn, or soybean, and the latter is from agricultural waste, used cooking oil and processed animal residues like fats. The former is colloquially referred to as 1G ethanol, or first-generation biofuel, and the latter as 2G, that is second-generation. This distinction has now come into sharp focus as climate change accelerates, with fears of threat to food security and increased loss of forests and biodiversity due to greater land required for farming. Estimates suggest that well over half of all vegetated land is under cultivation today, and that agriculture is one of the world's largest carbon emitters. The GBA has emphasised that its focus would be to develop 2G ethanol.

> While opinion is divided on this, some experts say 2G ethanol will allow the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions even while stretching the life of internal combustion engines, giving time for automakers to develop robust alternatives

Why is there a renewed focus on biofuels?

With severe disruptions to global crude oil supplies following the Ukraine war, several countries have been scrambling to find alternatives to the import dependence on petrol and diesel. India, for instance, imports 87% of its crude oil, and it is the main reserve currency expenditure for the country. With transport accounting for about one-quarter of global carbon emissions, there have been renewed attempts to accelerate the decarbonising of this sector, with several countries announcing battery production and electric vehicle (EV) policies and legacy automakers entering the now thriving EV sector. But some modes of transport like aviation, shipping and long-haul trucking will find it harder to reduce carbon emissions than say, self-driven cars or motorbikes. It is here that some experts feel that 2G ethanol could be a valuable substitute.

Do biofuels aid energy transition?

Most biofuels today are blended with petrol or diesel at varying degrees. For instance, India blends about 10% of biofuels and has plans to double this in the coming years. While some experts feel that accelerating EV adoption and developing alternatives like green hydrogen must be the focus of the ongoing energy transition, others argue that 2G ethanol would soften the impending disruption. It would do so by allowing to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions even while stretching the life of internal combustion engines, giving time for automakers to develop robust alternatives, while increasing farmers' incomes and providing jobs.

What happens next?

The three founding members of the GBA produce 85% of global biofuels and consume about 81% of it. In line with the renewed push to enhance biofuel use and production, the U.S. announced its latest amended "Renewable Fuel Standard" to substantially increase the production of biofuels and substitute about 1,40,000 barrels per day of crude oil imports by 2025. Similarly, India had announced the setting up of 12 new refineries as early as 2018 with the aim to meet 20% ethanol blending by 2025. This becomes even more significant following India's announcement to become net zero (removing as much carbon from the atmosphere as human activity emits) by 2070. The IEA predicts that about two-thirds of the global biofuel demand will come from three emerging economies - India, Brazil and Indonesia, and that they have "ample domestic feedstocks, additional production capacity, relatively low production costs and a package of policies they can leverage to increase demand." However, it remains to be seen if this would indeed hasten decarbonising of the energy sector.

Why is Google on trial in the United States?

What are the allegations brought against the Silicon Valley giant by the Department of Justice? Will the hearing have a bearing on how other mega Internet companies such as Amazon and Meta have dealt with 'anti-trust' issues?

P.J. George

The story so far:

On September 12, Justice Amit Mehta of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia started hearing what is being described as the most important case about the future of the Internet. Over the course of the next 10 weeks, Justice Mehta will hear arguments of the U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ) and several U.S. States to the effect that Google used illegal tactics to maintain a monopoly in online search. Several top officials from Google, including CEO Sundar Pichai, are expected to be called in as witnesses. If the allegations against the $1.7 trillion Silicon Valley giant are upheld, Justice Mehta will begin a separate trial to decide on the action that needs to be taken. Other mega Internet companies such as Amazon and Meta are keenly watching the trial, as it will have major implications on how their own 'anti-trust' issues are dealt with.

What is the charge against Google?

The key allegation against Google is that its "arrangements" with Apple and other companies to be the default search engine on their devices, is unlawful monopoly building. The DoJ filed the charges on October 20, 2020, arguing that Google throttled competition from other search engines and caused harm to consumers, making it a prime anti-trust – targeting monopolies – case. "Two decades ago, Google became the darling of Silicon Valley as a scrappy start-up with an innovative way to search the emerging internet. That Google is long gone," the DoJ had said in its initial filing.

> The DoJ is expected to show how the default search position for Google on various devices limited options for consumers

Since the extent of harm that has been caused to consumers is the key deciding factor in anti-trust cases, the DoJ is expected to show how the default search position for Google on various devices limited options available to consumers. Focus may also fall on how a lot of the real estate on Google's search result pages is often taken up by the company's own non-search services – such as user reviews – at the cost of rival services. Google's default position also creates a 'feedback loop' in which consumers are regularly giving the search engine their personal preferences, allowing Google to fine-tune its algorithm and deliver better search results and advertisements. "Google's contracts ensure that rivals cannot match the search quality ad monetisation, especially on phones," Kenneth Dintzer, the main lawyer for the DoJ in this case told the Associated Press. "Through this feedback loop, this wheel has been turning for more than 12 years. It always turns to Google's advantage."

However, Google argues that the reason it controls 91% of the global search market is that it provides better quality of services, rather than a lack of competition. Google says that consumers can always choose to change the default option, and that any deals it has with device manufacturers like Apple are above board.

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Is there a deal between Apple and Google?

While both Apple and Google have been secretive about their cooperation, several reports indicate that such a deal was renewed in 2017. According to *The New York Times*, while Google paid Apple to the tune of $1 billion in 2014, the latter now receives between $8 billion and $12 billion, amounting to 9% of its annual gross profits. Google's willingness to pay such a huge amount is driven by the fact that 75% of its search revenue comes from iPhone and iPad users. It is also a precautionary measure as it holds back the creation of a rival search engine by Apple, one of the few companies that have the wherewithal to take on Google.

Google also understands a key lesson from behavioural economics – most people will not bother to change the default options made available to them.

Why is there a 'techlash' on anti-trust issues?

Google is no stranger to anti-trust cases, though not in the U.S. In 2017, it was fined $2.7 billion by the European Union for showing undue preference for its own services in search results. The EU has imposed a total fine of 8.25 billion euros on Google over three anti-trust investigations. The EU has also trained its anti-trust guns on other U.S. online giants such as Meta and Amazon.

On the other hand, the U.S. has been slow to act against homegrown behemoths, who also spend considerable amounts of money and effort on political lobbying. However, a massive 'techlash' has been building up in the U.S. in recent years with calls from both sides of the political aisle to restrict the influence that these companies can exert on aspects ranging from teenage mental health to personal privacy and the success of small businesses.

The current case against Google has the potential to redefine how anti-trust laws are wielded in the technology era against new business models. A key test of consumer harm under anti-trust law is the amount of monetary loss that has been sustained by consumers due to the monopolistic behaviour of companies. However, Google offers its search services for free. It remains to be seen how the DoJ, which has another anti-trust case in the pipeline against Google over its dominance in online advertising, will prove its point on consumer harm in this case.

Why are anti-trust cases important?

Anti-trust cases have the potential to completely revamp a sector of the economy. Such cases in the U.S. also have far reaching impact across the globe. The last major anti-trust case was over two decades ago, when the U.S. government took on the Bill Gates-led Microsoft that had near-total monopoly over the operating systems running personal computers.

In 1995, the Internet revolution was taking off with the Netscape browser being the key software for accessing the World Wide Web. Microsoft tried to squeeze out Netscape by bundling its Internet Explorer web browser for free with its Windows OS. The government took Microsoft to court in 1998, and in 2001 arrived at a deal that made Microsoft keep a more open Windows environment. Critics of this case say that it did not do much to shake Microsoft's monopoly; Netscape lost its market leadership and eventually morphed into the Firefox browser from Mozilla Foundation. Others, however, say that the open environment that the deal ensured saw to it that Microsoft did not crush the smaller technology companies that were developing products around the Internet, including one that was formed in 1998 in a garage in Menlo Park, California – Google.

How will Middle East corridor impact trade?

What is the blueprint of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor? Will it also influence the politics of the region? Is it going to pose a challenge to China's Belt and Road Initiative? Is it looked upon as an endeavour which can normalise ties between Israel and the Arab region?

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

At a special event on the sidelines of the recently concluded G-20 summit in New Delhi, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed to establish the 'India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor' (IMEC). Other than the two co-chairs of the event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joe Biden, the signatories included leaders of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, the European Union (EU), Italy, France and Germany. The project forms part of the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII).

What is the corridor?

The proposed IMEC will consist of railroad, ship-to-rail networks (road and sea) and road transport routes (and networks) extending across two corridors. While the east corridor will connect India to the Gulf, the northern corridor will connect the Gulf to Europe. As per the MoU, the railway, upon completion, would provide a "reliable and cost-effective cross-border ship-to-rail transit network to supplement existing maritime and road transports routes".

It would enable the transportation of goods and services from India to the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Europe, and back. The corridor is expected to increase efficiency (relating to transit), reduce costs, generate jobs, and lower greenhouse gas emissions. This in turn will translate into a "transformative integration of Asia, Europe and the Middle East." The MoU states that participants intend to enable the laying of cables for electricity and digital connectivity, as well as pipes for clean hydrogen export along the railway route.

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The MoU points out that participants will "work collectively and expeditiously" to arrange and implement all elements of the transit route. These relate to technical design, financing, legal and relevant regulatory standards. A meeting is planned in the next 60 days to carve out an "action plan" with "relevant timetables".

New beginnings: Prime Minister Modi delivers his remarks during the launch of the IMEC on the sidelines of the G-20 summit on September 9. ANI

How has it been received?

While Mr. Modi suggested the corridor "promises to be a beacon of cooperation, innovation, and shared progress," Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, said the corridor was "more than 'just' a railway or a cable, it is a green and digital bridge across continents and civilisations." She called it the "most direct connection" between India, the Gulf and Europe: with a rail link that would make trade between India and Europe 40% faster. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose country will be a part of the corridor, also welcomed the move.

On the other hand, with the corridor being suggested as a competitor for China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the announcement did not draw enthusiasm from the Chinese media. An editorial in the *Global Times* highlighted doubts from Chinese experts about the project's credibility and feasibility. "It is not the first time for Washington to make empty pledges to various countries and regions," it read.

What geopolitics is at play here?

It has often been believed that China is utilising the BRI from the Indo-Pacific to West Asia to further their economic and political influence, particularly on sovereigns with relatively unstable economies. The *Financial Times* points out that, for the U.S., the project could also serve to counter Beijing's influence "at a time when Washington's traditional Arab partners, including the UAE and Saudi Arabia, are deepening ties with China, India and other Asian powers." Professor Michaël Tanchum, Senior Fellow at the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, said in August 2021 that a corridor connecting India to Europe via West Asia and the Mediterranean region could serve as an "alternative trans-regional commercial transportation route" to the troubled Chabahar-based International North-South Transit Corridor. He said that from Mumbai, Indian goods shipped by this route could arrive on the European mainland in as less as 10 days – 40% faster than through the Suez Canal maritime route.

Professor Tanchum also observed that India's "careful cultivation" of a multilateral economic cooperation with such a corridor "was of paramount importance." According to him, "despite India's favourable demographics, geography and commercial transportation infrastructure are not alone sufficient to ensure that India will realise its potential as a Eurasian economic power." He further elaborated that, "commercial corridors only emerge where requisite large investments in port and rail infrastructure are coupled with an industrial base anchored in manufacturing value chains"– precisely the purpose of the present corridor.

How does this affect Israel and Gulf ties?

Saudi Arabia and Israel do not have diplomatic ties – primarily because of differences of opinion about the Israel-Palestine conflict. In fact, Israel has official ties only with Egypt, Jordan, the UAE, Bahrain and Morocco in the Arab region. In this light, the transit network which seeks integration on multiple fronts assumes particular significance.

The *Financial Times* learnt from a person briefed about the discussions, that the corridor's passage through Jordan and Israel could also support the Biden administration's effort to build on the recent normalisation of ties between Israel and several Arab states, including the UAE. This may push Saudi Arabia to follow suit and formalise ties. "China is one factor. The U.S. is also trying to refocus attention on the region, to reassure traditional partners and to maintain influence," the publication learnt.

With Saudi Arabia being the world's top exporter of oil and the UAE being West Asia's dominant finance centre, *FT* says that both are "seeking to project themselves as key logistics and trade hubs between east and west."

Winds of change in global governance

Global South

From last year's climate change conference in Egypt to the G-20 summit in Delhi, there is a growing consensus among the world's powers that the agenda of developing countries should be given top priority

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After decades of being ignored, it would seem that the Global South has come into vogue. At the G-20 summit in Delhi this month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said it was the Global South's priorities that drove India's Presidency, and with developing countries Indonesia, India, Brazil and South Africa as consecutive hosts of the grouping, the direction seems set. Earlier this year, PM Modi hosted a virtual summit for the "Voice of the Global South", with about 125 countries included to seek their opinions on how to set those priorities.

"We, the Global South, have the largest stakes in the future. Three fourths of humanity lives in our countries. We should also have equivalent voice. Hence, as the eight-decade old model of global governance slowly changes, we should try to shape the emerging order," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, at the opening of the virtual meeting for the Voice of the Global South Summit in January. At the G-20 summit itself, the induction of the 55-nation African Union was seen as one of the substantial outcomes of the conference.

At last year's Climate change conference, CoP 27 in Egypt, the proclamation of the 'Loss and Damage fund' was seen as a victory for the Global South, and in the upcoming CoP 28 in the UAE, the Global South will also drive conversations on mitigating climate change while keeping the development priorities of what was once called 'The Third World'.

Outreach of the rich

Even at the G7 – the grouping of the world's richest countries – Japan, as host this year, invited developing countries, including India, Brazil, Vietnam, Indonesia, Comoros and the Cook Islands, in what was seen as an outreach to the Global South. The BRICS summit in South Africa last month credited its expansion from five to 11 members to a pitch for the Global South. And this weekend, the G-77, the grouping of developing nations at the UN, held its high-level Summit in Havana, Cuba, putting the region centre-stage.

"After all this time that the North has organised the world according to its interests, it is now up to the South to change the rules of the game," Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel said on Saturday, calling developing countries the biggest victims of the "multidimensional crisis" in the world, that stems everything from "abusive unequal trade" to global warming and climate change, according to international news agencies.

Speaking at the summit in Havana, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, said the "voice of the G-77 plus China will always be essential at the UN", adding that it is necessary for the Global South to "champion a system rooted in equality... ready to reverse the injustice and neglect of centuries... and champion a system that delivers for all humanity and not only for the privileged."

Informal grouping'

So what is the Global South, and how organised are countries in this 'informal grouping', that has for decades loosely referred to the developing, often deprived, former colonised nations around the world? By 1964, the developing world was already beginning to organise. In 1964, the Group of 77 (G-77) countries became signatories to a 'Joint Declaration' at the first session of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva, becoming the largest intergovernmental organisation of developing countries.

Its mandate was to "articulate and promote their collective economic interests and enhance their joint negotiating capacity on all major international economic issues within the UN system". Today, the G-77, which has retained its name, despite multiple expansions across countries in Asia, Africa, South America, Caribbean and Oceania (or Asia-Pacific), includes 134 countries. Since China doesn't technically belong to the grouping, it is referred to as 'G-77+China' in most multilateral fora.

Ironically, the term 'Global South' is believed to have been coined in the U.S. In 1969, at the height of the Cold War, American anti-war activist Carl Oglesby, who campaigned against what he called the oppression by 'the North' (the US, Europe, Russia, etc.) of the 'Global South'. Oglesby, once the president of an organisation seen as subversive and radical, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), was a musician, an author and a professor, who had dropped out of college, protesting America's wars and discrimination.

In an essay about the Vietnam war, he wrote that "the North's dominance over the global South" was responsible for inequality in the world, and would cause future wars as well. The term seemed to stick, and in the early 1970s, discussions around organising countries of the Global South also resulted in the setting up of the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) by the UN General Assembly in 1974. Its mandate: to coordinate South-South (between countries of the Global South) and triangular cooperation (with Developed countries or multilateral agencies), working in tandem with the G-77.

The 'Brandt Line'

The term Global South, however, was an inaccurate representation of the countries it was meant to represent – many like India are more broadly in the Northern Hemisphere, while some like Australia in the Southern Hemisphere, are bracketed with the Global North. In the 1980s, economists developed the 'Brandt Line', a curve that more accurately divided the world into the economic North and South.

Despite the organisations and studies, however, interest in the South declined in the first decades of the 21st century, particularly in countries like India and Indonesia that were seen as discarding their Third World origins for a place at the "high table" as they reformed and grew their economies. Many reasons are proffered for the revival of the Global South's cachet – the COVID pandemic and economic downturn that has affected South countries the most; and the war in Ukraine and western sanctions against Russia, whose combined impact has been felt across the developing world are chief amongst them.

As a result, the sense that the centre of gravity of global governance has now shifted Southwards is growing, as organisations like G7, G-20, BRICS, the EU, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, the Quad, the Indo-Pacific Economic Forum and global players all make their play for the Global South's participation in decision making.

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Deadly outbreak

Nipah virus

A zoonotic disease that jumped from animals to humans, NiV underlines the fact that anthropogenic causes are driving the new pandemics of the world

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The Nipah virus outbreak in Kerala in 2018 was, in retrospect, the first true outbreak people had witnessed in living memory. For a population fed, on screen, with pacy narratives, dizzying tales of disease, horror and death, the 2018 Nipah virus (NiV) outbreak was a horrifying reel-to-real conversion. In the latest outbreak in Kozhikode, six have tested positive and two died. NiV, with its periodic outbreaks in Kerala (fourth, now), has come to symbolise the fear and paralysis that encircle emerging diseases in modern times.

A zoonotic disease that jumped from animals to humans as a consequence of a 'zoonotic spillover', NiV underlines the fact that anthropogenic causes are driving the new pandemics of the world. As these diseases emerge with stunning regularity, with their power to disrupt life, and alter the social fabric, it is incumbent upon those who rule, and those who heal, to acknowledge the dramatically changing disease factors, and the need to address health care more holistically.

'Nipah' comes from the Malaysian village where the first such outbreak was reported in 1998. There were reportedly over 250 cases among farm and workers in slaughter houses. Sayantan Banerjee et al record in *Intractable Rare Disease Research*, in 2019, that initially encephalitis-like symptoms came to notice, but doctors soon discovered that apart from the neurological manifestations, there was acute respiratory distress syndrome and respiratory failure with multi-organ dysfunction syndrome. Slowly, the world learnt of this new strain of disease where the pathogen was a paramyxovirus, and the vectors included pigs and fruit bats. Since then, India has seen several outbreaks of NiV, mainly in Kerala (2018, 2019, 2021 and 2023), but also in Siliguri in 2001, and a relatively small outbreak in 2007 in Nadia, West Bengal.

No licensed treatment

The closest reservoirs of infection in Kerala are fruit bats, and it is believed that consumption of fruits or berries contaminated with bat spittle might have caused the outbreaks. In other areas – Bangladesh and West Bengal – the consumption of date palm sap, again contaminated by bats, was behind the outbreaks. As far as therapy goes, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that currently there are no licensed treatments available for the NiV infection. Treatment is limited to supportive care, including rest, hydration and treatment of symptoms as they occur. A few doctors have reported that the anti-viral, Favipiravir, has some activity against NiV. The m102.4 monoclonal antibody is under development and evaluation.

It was when NiV hit Kozhikode district, in Kerala, in 2018, where 21 of 23 persons infected died, that the attention of not merely the health system, but also the public in general was willy nilly drawn towards the virus. Notably, Kerala's handling of the outbreak also provided solid lessons for public health emergencies – isolating patients, contact tracing, quarantining, triaging, implementing infection control protocols, etc.

Human-to-human transmission turned out to be how Patient Zero – Mohammed Salih – of Perambra in Kozhikode contracted his infection. His brother had died just the previous week, and had had similar symptoms. Health care workers were also affected, even in the recent outbreak, so it can be transmitted via the nosocomial route too. The high mortality rates, along with the risk to health care workers and plausible multimodal transmission, emerged as causes for concern.

It is clear now that a piecemeal handling of the particular outbreak will not do. Larger factors are at play, and a more comprehensive approach towards health care itself is needed. Nations must be cognisant that anthropogenic activity, in terms of rapidly expanding agricultural fields, and destruction of the original habitats of wild animals, and overall pan-seasonal changes wrought by climate change are contributory factors. Increasingly, the One Health approach is being advocated. According to the WHO, 'One Health' is an integrated, unifying approach to balance and optimise the health of people, animals and the environment. It is key to prevent, predict, detect and respond to health threats.

Ideally, it involves mobilising multiple sectors, disciplines and communities at varying levels of society to work together to address root causes and create long-term, sustainable solutions. One Health involves the public health, veterinary, and environmental sectors, and is particularly relevant for control of zoonoses.

The frontrunner

Mohamed Muizzu

The former Housing Minister and current Mayor of Male, who was seen as 'Plan C' by the opposition, has secured the highest share of votes in the first round of presidential elections

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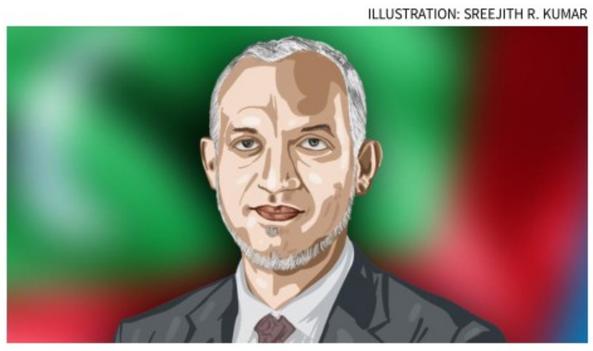

It was no secret that Mohamed Muizzu entered the Maldives's presidential race only because former President Abdulla Yameen could not. In fact, local media often called him the opposition People's National Congress- Progressive Party of Maldives combine's 'plan C', after the Supreme Court barred Mr. Yameen from contesting, and party members ruled out Dr. Mohamed Waheed, another former President.

Nonetheless, observers in the Maldives knew that 'Dr. Muizzu' – he holds a PhD in civil engineering from the University of Leeds, U.K. – was the opposition's most credible challenger to President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih. He proved their assessment right, securing the highest share – of 46.06% – of the ballot in the September 9 elections, while Mr. Solih secured 39.05%. Since neither candidate got over 50% necessary for victory, the top two will face a run-off on September 30.

It was not an easy campaign for Mr. Muizzu. After the top court made clear Mr. Yameen could not run, the jailed leader, convicted on corruption and money laundering charges, asked his party to boycott the polls. However, with the party membership refusing, the opposition bloc had to swiftly find a candidate agreeable within the coalition, and formidable as an electoral rival to the incumbent. After considerable internal debate, Mr. Muizzu was named.

He had barely a month to campaign and convince the 5.2 lakh-strong country's electorate of 2.8 lakh voters. But, he was no new face in Maldives politics. In 2021, Mr. Muizzu became the Mayor of capital Male, after beating the ruling Maldivian Democratic Party's (MDP) candidate with a huge margin.

Prior to that, he served as the Minister of Housing twice, in the Cabinets of former Presidents Mr. Waheed and Mr. Yameen. While in the latter's government, he oversaw the construction of the $200-million China-Maldives friendship bridge, linking the capital to the neighbouring Hulhumale island, where the country's main airport is located. Last month, while marking the fifth anniversary of the bridge's opening, Mr. Muizzu praised the "visionary leadership" of Mr. Yameen and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

His experience in dealing with housing challenges in the country, as a Minister earlier and Mayor now, gives him the insight and vocabulary to address mounting concerns over housing that many Maldivians are preoccupied with. His manifesto outlined a plan to allocate 65,000 flats in and around the capital, better electricity connectivity and water network, and enhanced infrastructure in the atolls located to the north and south of the capital.

'India out' campaign

Although he was left with little time ahead of the polls, it was not as if Mr. Muizzu had to craft a campaign from scratch. The Opposition had already built considerable momentum, chiefly from the "India Out" drive spearheaded by Mr. Yameen. A strong anti-incumbency sentiment against the Solih administration, amid allegations of corruption and repression, saw some voters grow sympathetic to the Opposition's critique of President Solih's "India first" policy, although they were well-aware of the obvious China tilt of Mr. Yameen's administration from 2013 to 2018. Seen through a geopolitical prism, the contest in the Maldives is an India-China one. Outside of it, the current dynamics reflect the churn that continues after the Indian Ocean Archipelago transitioned to democracy in 2008.

The outcome of the first round could be read as a "revolt against the government", according to U.K.-based Maldivian academic Ahmed Shaheed. Further, former President Mohamed Nasheed's decision to break away from the ruling MDP also impacted Mr. Solih's chances. "With Mr. Nasheed's split, the motherboard of the MDP was gone," observed Mr. Shaheed, a former Foreign Minister of the Maldives.

With just a fortnight left for the second round of the presidential race, both Mr. Solih and Mr. Muizzu are negotiating with the other contestants, seeking their support. Ahead of the first round of the polls, every opposition election poster and hoarding in capital Male, in the party's hot pink colour, screamed that Mr. Yameen is still boss. They foregrounded Mr. Yameen's image, placing photographs of Mr. Muizzu and his running mate behind his.

Now considered the frontrunner, Mr. Muizzu, 45, has vowed to double the salaries of the police and army, and defer their rent payments, among other fresh promises. In two weeks from now, it will be clear if they were enough to tip the electoral scales the second time.

INBRIEF

Stellantis unveils lower-priced Jeep Compass compact SUV

Stellantis India has introduced new Jeep Compass compact SUV with added features but at a lower price compared with its earlier version to increase segment coverage from 10% to 40%. Vehicle prices would begin at ₹20.49 lakh with the automatic range costing ₹23.99 lakh onwards, ex-showroom. The revised Jeep line-up makes the automatic transmission Compass affordable by almost 20% (almost ₹6 lakh) compared with the earlier version, according to the company.

Redington to offer latest iPhone, Apple watches across India

Information technology solutions provider Redington Ltd. would offer the latest range of iPhone and Apple Watch series across the country, the company said. Redington Ltd. has partnered with HDFC Bank for cashback offers to customers preferring to purchase the latest smartphones from Cupertino-based company, a press release here said. The iPhone 15, 15 Plus, 15 Pro and 15 Pro Max would be offered in 7,000 retail locations across the country. PTI

Volvo unveils C40 Recharge electric car at ₹61.25 lakh

Volvo Car India unveiled its electric car C40 Recharge in Bengaluru. This is the second EV from Volvo in India and would be assembled at the firm's plant at Hosakote in Karnataka. The EV comes with an 11 kW charger. The Swedish luxury carmaker said its core offerings of safety and luxury form an integral part of the EV whose introductory ex-showroom price is ₹61.25 lakh. Bookings are exclusively online and can be done on the Volvo Car India website. C40 Recharge also features a 360-degree camera and 7 airbags.

Fall in tea prices hits small farmers

Small growers in Nilgiris have been realising prices that are less than the cost of production; Farmers in Tamil Nadu's main tea growing region have been staging a hunger protest for more than two weeks now demanding 'reasonable prices'

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Small tea farmers in Tamil Nadu's Nilgiris district have been hit by a drop in tea leaf prices over the last few months.

Small and micro farmers in the Nilgiris harvest almost 40 crore kilogram (kg) of tea leaves annually and this year the production has risen by almost one crore kg, said H.N. Sivan, promoter of Nilgiris Nectar Organic Farmer Producers' Organization.

Growers got on average ₹20.99 for a kg of green leaf during the COVID pandemic (August 2020). But the prices started declining gradually and in August 2022, their crop fetched on average ₹14.38 per kg. The base price fixed by the Tea Board India this August for the Nilgiris farmers was only ₹14.54 a kg, said K. Manivannan, secretary of the Naaku Betta Badagar Welfare Association.

Losing flavour: Small tea growers have been staging protests, demanding 'reasonable prices.' M. SATHYAMOORTHY

Growers who supply to a couple of INDCO factories received ₹11 - ₹15 a kg. And the average price that they got in the market was about ₹12. The small growers had been staging a hunger protest for more than two weeks now demanding "reasonable prices", Mr. Manivannan added.

Mr. Sivan and Mr. Manivannan said small tea growers, numbering almost one lakh in the Nilgiris, were realising prices that were less than the cost of production for almost two decades now. But, the situation was getting worse, affecting farmers' livelihoods. The average cost of production was estimated to be ₹22.29 a kg.

"Labour and input costs are increasing every year. But the price for tea leaves is not," observed Mr. Sivan.

C. Shreedharan, president of the United Planters Association of Southern India, said that globally and in India there was excess supply of teas, with output growth outpacing growth in consumption. He said it was important to encourage exports by promoting value addition and access to emerging markets.

Stable tax regime will unlock India's luxury car market potential: Audi

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

India has great potential to significantly expand its luxury-car market with the help of a stable tax policy, said Balbir Singh Dhillon, Head, Audi India.

"A stable tax policy regime is required to let the luxury segment generate greater volumes," Mr. Dhillon told *The Hindu*.

On sales outlook for luxury cars, he said, the second half of the calendar traditionally outperformed the first half and the forthcoming festive season was set to mark the best-ever sales season for India's luxury-car market.

"Robust sales performance on the back of strong demand, growth in the luxury-car segment, evolving demographics and favourable economic conditions are leading to growth in the industry.

"For the upcoming festive season, we are confident this growth will continue, leading Audi to end the year with high double-digit growth."

Structural shift

Mr. Dhillon said the luxury-car segment had witnessed a structural shift, with a younger demographic entering the segment. Factors such as favourable economic conditions and rising income levels have led to the growth.

"First-generation entrepreneurs, young professionals and entertainment and sports celebrities and an increasing number of high and ultra-high networth individuals have emerged as new-age customers who are the new segment, and we see growth in the market through them," he added.

To a query on whether the line between luxury and utility was blurring, he elaborated, although luxury would always continue to differentiate itself from utility, it was a fact access to luxury had expanded from being limited to old money. Young and dynamic achievers had emerged, creating a new demographic that is significantly younger, falling between the ages of 30-45.

In the first half of 2023, Audi India retailed 3,474 cars, with growth almost doubling year-on-year.

IBBI open to ideas to cut delays, aid recovery

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Urging stakeholders for suggestions that can be incorporated in the policy to cut delay, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) Chairman Ravi Mital said the board was also working to raise recoveries, and sought suggestions at an Assocham event.

Suggesting amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), he said IBC's objectives were revival of firms as well and the National Company Law Tribunal had been resolving more than 35 cases a month.

'Beyond economy's ranking, per capita income must also rise'

Press Trust of India
HYDERABAD

While India becoming the fifth-largest economy in the world is an 'impressive achievement,' there is a need to grow fast to increase the per capita income from the present levels, former Reserve Bank of India Governor C Rangarajan said on Saturday.

Addressing the 13th Convocation of the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Mr. Rangarajan said post COVID-19 and the Russia-Ukraine war, there is a need to lay down a clear roadmap for India's future development and the first and foremost task is to raise the growth rate.

"In 2020, India's rank with respect to per capita income was 142 out of 197 countries. This only shows the distance we have to travel... All the same, we have no choice but to grow fast, given the present level of per capita income," the former chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council said.

According to calculations, he said, if the country achieves a 7% rate of growth continuously over the next two decades and more, it will make a substantial change to the level of the economy and India may almost touch the status of a developed economy.

"Employment must come out of increased growth. Employment enhancement without growth is not sustainable," Mr. Rangarajan remarked.

EV maker BNC to invest ₹100 cr., raise production

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Electric vehicle maker BNC Motors, plans to invest ₹100 crore over the next 18 months to produce three lakh more two-wheelers annually and introduce new models.

Anirudh Ravi Narayanan, CEO and co-founder of BNC Motors said in an interview that the company would unveil a scooter named 'Perfetto' soon, developed in partnership with Musashi Seimitsu, a Japanese company.

BNC would also unveil a motorcycle named 'Boss', which had been developed in-house at the company.

TVS SCS eyes slot among top 50 global logistics players

N. Anand
CHENNAI

TVS Supply Chain Solutions Ltd. (TVS SCS) has drawn up a plan to figure among the top 50 logistics companies worldwide, MD Ravi Viswanathan said.

"We want to continue to grow and grow profitably," he said during an interaction with analysts. "We want to leverage our capabilities and expertise to double our scale to be one of the top 50 logistics companies worldwide."

The end-to-end supply chain provider posted strong growth in Q1, expanding at 20% across all the three geographies – India, U.K., Europe and North America – with EBITDA growing by 190 basis points.

Ravi Viswanathan

Strong growth driver

"India grew by 14.3% in the ISCS (integrated supply chain solutions). So, clearly, India continues to be a very strong driver of growth. Europe and North America together made the rest. The revenue from Network Solutions segment slid by 35.1%."

On FY24 outlook, Mr. Viswanathan said TVS SCS is expected to post a very high, teen year-on-year growth in revenue from ISCS and it might be 'closer to 20%.'

"As a company overall, we are encouraged with the consistent growth in ISCS which ensured the impact of freight rates was softened. This showcases the strength in our model where business portfolio balances very well."

TVS SCS planned to incur capex of ₹100-110 crore every year till FY26, which would be under 1% of revenue, said Global CFO Ravi Prakash Bhagavathula.

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VST Group eyes expansion across verticals in India, abroad

N. Anand
CHENNAI

VST Group plans to expand business in all the three verticals it operates in, Managing Director Arun V. Surendra said.

The 113-year-old Bengaluru-headquartered conglomerate is a franchise dealer for luxury and sports cars in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, manufactures farm equipment and runs deposit-taking NBFC Gove Finance Ltd.

In the automotive dealership business, VST Group plans to double its touchpoints to 100 in the next three to four years, and in the farm equipment space aims to triple revenue to ₹3,000 crore by FY26 by investing in emerging markets and through product innovation.

Arun V. Surendra

'Luxury car sales rising'

"Due to the changing lifestyles, we are seeing a rise in luxury car sales in Tamil Nadu. It has crossed the pre-COVID level by more than 30-40% across all brands. Hence, it calls for expansion," he said in an interview.

VST Group is the preferred partner for 11 major brands including Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar-Land Rover, Porsche, Kia, Volkswagen, BYD, Ducati, Tata Motors, Mahindra and Honda, according to the Managing Director.

The dealership business clocked revenue of ₹2,000 crore in FY23.

Stating that more than 90% of VST tractors and tillers were sold in the Indian market, Mr. Surendra said the group planned to increase the share of exports to about 8-10% in the coming years by entering new markets such as the U.K. and Mexico.

'Gen X, millennials eager to use AI at work'

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

With companies adopting new technologies to enhance productivity, a majority of millennials and Gen X professionals are curious and eager to leverage artificial intelligence (AI) at work, according to a survey report.

Over 75% of millennials and 74% of Gen X professionals surveyed opine that AI will take boring tasks off their plate giving them the time to focus on tasks that excite them, LinkedIn India said in a report.

Also, 70% of Gen Z are eager and curious to adapt to the world of AI.

CHANGES IN TEAMS

Asian Games: Akash replaces Mavi; Pooja in for Anjali

Team India's men's selection committee on Saturday named Akash Deep, *in pic*, as replacement for Shivam Mavi (back injury) in the Indian squad for the 19th Asian Games to be held in Hangzhou. Meanwhile, the women's selection committee named Pooja Vastrakar, earlier a standby, as replacement for Anjali Sarvani (knee injury).

FINGERS CROSSED

Southee may miss World Cup after fracturing thumb bone

New Zealand paceman Tim Southee faces a race against time to be fit for the World Cup after dislocating and fracturing a bone in his right thumb on Friday. Less than three weeks before the start of the World Cup in India, Southee suffered the injury while dropping a catch off England's Joe Root in the final ODI in Lord's.

GREAT START

Rohit *bhai*'s dismissal was a dream wicket, says ODI debutant Tanzim

Bangladesh ODI debutant Tanzim Hasan, who bowled a scintillating opening spell, described Indian skipper Rohit Sharma's dismissal as a "dream wicket." Tanzim sent back Rohit for a two-ball duck. "First wicket of Rohit *bhai* was a dream. I concentrate on line and length. That is how I get success. We are going back with a very good win."

FOR YOU, GRANDMA

Murray skips family funeral to play in the Davis Cup Finals

Andy Murray wept on Friday after revealing he missed his grandmother's funeral to play in the Davis Cup Finals. Murray came from behind to beat Leandro Riedi and give Britain a winning start over Switzerland in the group stage of the finals. "I'm sorry to my family that I'm not able to be there but, gran, this one's for you."

India and Sri Lanka to battle it out for continental supremacy

The host will give the Men in Blue, who are keen to win a multi-nation tournament, a stern test ahead of the World Cup; Washington replaces injured Axar while Arachchige drafted in for Theekshana who has been ruled out of the final

Trump cards: Kohli and Wellalage will have key roles to play in the marquee contest for their respective teams. AFP

Today's match

FINAL

India vs. Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka Cricket

Colombo, **3 p.m.** IST

H2H IN ODIs

	Overall	Asia Cup
Matches	166	20
India	97	10
Sri Lanka	57	10
Tied	1	0
NR	11	0

FORM GUIDE
(last five completed matches, latest game first)

India	L | W | W | W | W
Sri Lanka	W | L | W | W | W

ASIA CUP

Amol Karhadkar
COLOMBO

The curse of the Asia Cup has persisted. It's not going to be India versus Pakistan, in sync with the tournament's 39-year history.

Nevertheless, with the World Cup less than three weeks away, there will be much more at stake than bragging about the continental supremacy when India take on Sri Lanka in what is expected to be a scintillating Sunday.

Injury concerns

While both the teams are dealing with injury concerns, Rohit Sharma and Co. will have to come up with a near-perfect show against a Sri Lankan outfit – backed by a 35,000-strong home crowd – that has nothing to lose at the R. Premadasa Stadium.

Contrary to most of the last week, the weather in the port city has been brighter and hotter with every passing day.

Despite the radar alerting a couple of thunderstorms predicted on Sunday afternoon, a combination of a reserve day provision and an efficient ground-staff will in all likelihood result in either Rohit or Dasun Shananka lifting the coveted trophy on Sunday night itself.

Title drought

For India, the match becomes even more important considering the pressure it will be carrying for repeating the 2011 wonders at home starting next month.

Having wilted under pressure in ICC tournaments for a decade and not having won a multi-nation tournament title for five years, it will be paramount for India to carry the confidence into the global showpiece event.

On pitches that have expectedly become slower with every passing match over the last week, India will have to get its act right in the final.

Axar Patel, having hurt his wrist and elbow during a valiant knock in Friday's run-chase against Bangladesh, has been replaced by Washington Sundar.

India will be tempted to get Washington in the playing XI with an eye on bolstering its batting depth and spin department.

Sri Lanka, has been dealt with a severe blow, with mystery spinner Maheesh Theekshana having been ruled out of the final.

Spin bowling all-rounder Sahan Arachchige joined the Sri Lankan squad for its pre-match training session on Saturday afternoon ahead of the big match.

Shreyas may not play

Shreyas Iyer is unlikely to be risked, considering the next week's series against Australia to be served as the final fitness test for the batter.

India will rely on the big three – captain Rohit, his opening partner Shubman Gill and run-machine Virat Kohli – to come to the occasion.

Can it return to India high on confidence? Or will Sri Lanka - having survived a scare in the first round and pulling off a heist against Pakistan - carry the brownie points by defending its Asia Cup title?

Over to Sunday!

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Hardik Pandya (Vice-capt.), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, K.L. Rahul (wk.), Ishan Kishan (wk.), Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Shami, Mohd. Siraj, Prasidh Krishna and Washington Sundar.

Sri Lanka: Dasun Shanaka (Capt.), Kusal Mendis (Vice-capt.), Pathum Nissanka, Dimuth Karunaratne, Kusal Perera, Charith Asalanka, Dhananjaya de Silva, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Dunith Wellalage, Matheesha Pathirana, Kasun Rajitha, Dushan Hemantha, Binura Fernando, Pramod Madushan and Sahan Arachchige.

We are trying to improve our chasing on slow turners: Gill

Amol Karhadkar
COLOMBO

Gill. AFP

Washington Sundar's inclusion in place of the injured Axar Patel for the Asia Cup Final squad has an underlying message. The all-rounder is ahead of his Tamil Nadu teammate R. Ashwin, in India's World Cup scheme of things.

The left-handed batter, whose off-spin prowess has come to the fore frequently, especially in T20 cricket, joined the squad on Saturday afternoon as the team management awaited Axar's scan reports ahead of Sunday's title clash against Sri Lanka.

Batting depth

Washington's addition is also in sync with the team management's insistence of bolstering lower-order batting. On the slow turners in Sri Lanka, batting deep, especially in a moderate run-chase, is paramount. It was highlighted during India's loss against Bangladesh on Friday. Batting on pitches that assisted the tweakers has been an issue for India. It struggled in Bangladesh at the end of 2022, then versus Australia in Chennai in March this year.

The latest addition to this was on Friday, at Khettarama, after having rested key batters, including Virat Kohli and Hardik Pandya.

Shubman Gill, the centurion on Friday, admitted India has been working on this area. "It is not a concern. But it is definitely an area that we are trying to improve on. We had a camp in Bangalore before coming here, and we were practising on similar wickets," said Gill, whose 121 went in vain as India lost by six runs.

"We know the World Cup is such a long tournament and as we go deeper into the tournament, the wicket tends to get slower.

"But, it is not easy for batters who are coming in to rotate the strike and minimise those dot balls. That's what we are looking to work on."

Despite anchoring the chase with his fourth ODI hundred in 2023, Gill failed to finish the game off. The youngster acknowledged it as a learning.

"There is so much adrenaline when you are batting. Sometimes you miscalculate and it was a miscalculation on my part. If I would have batted a bit normally or not that aggressive then we should have gotten over the line," he said. "These are the kind of learnings that I would like to take as a batter and fortunately this wasn't the final."

Gill added that winning the final is important for India to create "a winning habit" and start "peaking at the right time" ahead of World Cup. "Winning here will give us a lot of momentum and confidence going into the event."

Djokovic. AFP

Royal return for Djokovic, Serbia enters knockouts

DAVIS CUP

Agence France-Presse
VALENCIA

Novak Djokovic wrapped up a Davis Cup quarterfinal place for Serbia on Friday, beating Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina.

He won 6-3, 6-4 to give Serbia a 2-0 lead in Valencia after Laslo Djere's earlier 6-4, 6-4 victory over Albert Ramos-Vinolas. Nikola Cacic-Miomir Kecmanovic duo's victory made it 3-0 for Serbia.

The results:

Group A: In Bologna: Italy 3 bt Chile 0 [Arnaldi bt Garin 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; Sonego bt Jarry 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; Musetti & Sonego bt Vera & Tabilo 6-7 (3), 6-3, 7-6 (2)].
Group B: In Manchester: Britain 2 bt Switzerland 1 [Murray bt Riedi 6-7 (9), 6-4, 6-4; Norrie lost to Wawrinka 5-7, 4-6; Evans & Skupski bt Stricker & Wawrinka 6-3, 6-3)]; **Australia 3 bt Switzerland 0** [Kokkinakis bt Stricker 6-3, 7-5; de Minaur bt Huesler 6-4, 6-3; Ebden & Purcell bt Huesler & Stricker 6-2, 6-4].
Group C: In Valencia: Serbia 3 bt Spain 0 [Djere bt Vinolas 6-4, 6-4; Djokovic bt Fokina 6-3, 6-4; Cacic & Kecmanovic bt Fokina & Granollers 6-4, 7-6 (15)].
Group D: In Split: Finland 2 bt Croatia 1 [Virtanen bt Prizmic 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; Ruusuvuori bt Gojo 7-6 (7), 6-4; Heliovaara & Salminen lost to Dodig & Pavic 4-6, 6-7 (7).]

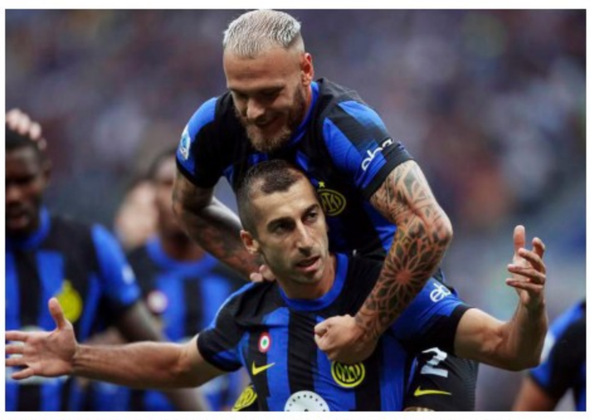
Inter, rampant in the Milan derby, is two clear at the top

EURO LEAGUES

Reuters
MILAN

Henrikh Mkhitaryan scored twice to help Inter Milan crush AC Milan 5-1 in the Serie A on Saturday and maintain its perfect start to the season. Inter moved two points clear at the top of the standings on 12 points from four games. It is two points above second-placed Juventus, which beat Lazio 3-1 earlier, and three clear of Milan in third.

Manchester City fought back from a goal down to beat West Ham United 3-1 in the Premier League.



Two-goal hero: Mkhitaryan is mobbed by teammates after scoring Inter's opener. AP

The results: Premier League: Wolves 1 (Hwang 7) lost to Liverpool 3 (Gakpo 55, Robertson 85, Bueno 90+1-og); Aston Villa 3 (Duran 87, Luiz 90+9-pen, Bailey 90+11) bt Crystal Palace 1 (Edouard 47); Fulham 1 (Vinicius 65) bt Luton 0; Manchester United 1 (Mejbri 73) lost to Brighton 3 (Welbeck 20, Gross 53, Pedro 71); Tottenham 2 (Richarlison 90+7, Kulusevski 90+9) bt Sheffield United 1 (Hamer 73); West Ham 1 (Ward-Prowse 36) lost to Manchester City 3 (Doku 46, Silva 76, Haaland 86).
LaLiga: Valencia 3 (Duro 5, 34, Guerra 54) bt Atletico Madrid 0.
Serie A: Juventus 3 (Vlahovic 10, 67, Chiesa 26) bt Lazio 1 (Luis Alberto 64); Inter Milan 5 (Mkhitaryan 5, 69, Thuram 38, Calhanoglu 79-pen, Frattesi 90+3) bt AC Milan 1 (Leao 57).
Bundesliga: RB Leipzig 3 (Simons 6, Openda 11, Raum 27) bt Augsburg 0; SC Freiburg 2 (Hoeler 45+2, Hoefler 45+7) lost to Borussia Dortmund 4 (Hummels 11, 88, Malen 60, Reus 90+3).
On Friday: Bundesliga: Bayern Munich 2 (Kane 7, Goretzka 86) drew with Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Grimaldo 24, Palacios 90+4-pen).

Nagal breezes past Moundir to break even after Mukund limps out of the opening singles

N. Sudarshan
LUCKNOW

Sumit Nagal saved India's blushes by beating Adam Moundir 6-3, 6-3 to help the hosts finish day one of the Davis Cup World Group II tie against Morocco 1-1 here on Saturday.

After debutant Sasikumar Mukund retired from his opening singles match against Yassine Dlimi, down 1-4 in the deciding set – in a performance that appeared to call into question his physical conditioning and mental make-up – the pressure was on Nagal, the India No.1, to calm the nerves.

The 26-year-old answered the call in expert fashion, dismantling Moundir in an hour and 15 minutes. The latter had the more power-packed game, but his penchant to find the point-ending shot early in every rally proved his undoing.

Getting level: Nagal pulled one back for India. SANDEEP SAXENA

It wasn't as if Moundir didn't compete. He broke Nagal's serve once in the first set and stretched the Indian to a long hold in the fifth game of the second.

But the World No.156 was calm when it mattered, defending superbly to come out victorious.

Earlier in the afternoon at the Vijayant Khand Mini Stadium, play started an hour-and-a-half late owing to rain. Humidity soared but it didn't seem to bother Dlimi, who showed his intent to finish off points with a couple of crunching one-two punches.

But the match soon slipped into a battle of attrition, with the two fighting each other to a standstill (6-6). In the ensuing tie-break, Mukund found his attacking mojo, taking it to four points.

The fans erupted with joy and the time they took to settle back into their seats annoyed Dlimi. He was broken in the first game, and when Mukund led 4-3, 40-15, the match seemed as good as over.

The contest however took an inexplicable turn. Mukund slipped back into being passive and his serve wobbled. All he did was to retrieve and the resultant short balls were picked off by Dlimi. The 20-year-old Moroccan broke in the 12th game to level the match.

Mukund called for the trainer towards the end of the second set. At the changeover, he appeared to have some discomfort in his right arm. The net effect was that even when he broke Dlimi in the opening game of the deciding set, the rubber didn't look his.

The 26-year-old Indian asked for the trainer again at 1-2, and soon fell behind 1-4. From the sidelines, Rohan Bopanna gestured that it was the mind that mattered. But it wasn't long before the body dropped as well.

The results: India 1 vs Morocco 1 (Sasikumar Mukund lost to Dlimi Yassine 7-6(4), 5-7, 1-4 [retd]; Sumit Nagal bt Adam Moundir 6-3, 6-3).

INBRIEF

Head suffers fracture in left hand, raises WC concerns

Australia can suffer a big blow in its ICC Men's Cricket World Cup campaign as star batter Travis Head was forced to retire hurt during the fourth ODI against South Africa at Centurion on Friday. Australia is waiting to see whether Head will be fit in time to play at the World Cup as head coach Andrew McDonald confirmed after the game that the left-hander had picked up a fracture.

Naseem may miss World Cup owing to shoulder injury

Pakistan pacer Naseem Shah's in all likelihood will miss upcoming ODI World Cup in India starting Oct. 5, after sustaining a serious right shoulder injury. The 20-year-old pacer suffered the injury during Pakistan's Super 4s clash against India in the Asia Cup. While MRI scans done in Colombo and Dubai have revealed sufficient damage to his shoulder but PCB wants opinion from a specialist in UK. Naseem walked off during the 46th over of Indian innings after injuring the right shoulder muscle.

LIVE TELECAST

Badminton: Hong Kong Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 11. 30 a.m.
Davis Cup: India vs Morocco, DD Sports, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1 p.m. onwards
South Africa vs Australia: 5th ODI, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.
Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3 p.m.
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 5.30, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Monday)
Formula One: Singapore GP, F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 5.30 p.m.
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Davis Cup: (Group-Stage, finals), Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Monday)
Bundesliga: Sony LIV App, 7, 9 p.m. & Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12 a.m. (Monday)
Diamond League: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 12.30 a.m. (Monday)

Sainz on pole with Russell alongside him in front row

Red Bull's runaway championship leader Verstappen and teammate Perez fail to make the top 10; Aston Martin's Stroll crashes heavily at the final corner in the dying seconds of opening session

SINGAPORE GP

Reuters
SINGAPORE

Carlos Sainz put Ferrari on pole position for the Singapore Grand Prix on a shocking Saturday for dominant Red Bull whose record run of 15 wins in a row appeared to be reaching the end of the road.

The pole was the Spaniard's and Ferrari's second in succession as well as the Italian team's third in four races.

Red Bull's runaway championship leader Max Verstappen and teammate Sergio Perez both failed to make the top 10 shootout, an astonishing turnaround for a team that had been in a league of its own but suddenly looked lost.

Verstappen's hopes of a record-extending 11th successive victory looked a long shot on a city circuit where overtaking is never easy.

The Dutch 25-year-old qualified 11th but was facing a potential further drop after stewards' enquiries for allegedly impeding.

"That was shocking, absolutely shocking experience," Verstappen said at the end of phase two after realising he would play no further part in qualifying.

Perez qualified only 13th for what will be his 250th Formula One start.

Without the Red Bulls on track, rivals had everything to play for and Sainz made his lap count with a best time of one minute 30.984 seconds.

Leclerc looked like securing a front row sweep for the Italian team but Russell came through in 1:31.056 to beat the Monegasque by a mere 0.007.

Topping the charts: Sainz arrives in the pit lane after the qualifying session of the Singapore Grand Prix. AFP

Second in a row

The pole was a second in a row for Ferrari and Sainz.

Aston Martin's Lance Stroll crashed heavily at the final corner in the dying seconds of the opening session, bringing out the red flags and delaying the start of the second phase.

The starting grid:
Front row: Carlos Sainz (Ferrari), George Russell (Mercedes)
Second: Charles Leclerc (Ferrari), Lando Norris (McLaren).
Third: Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes), Kevin Magnussen (Haas); **Fourth:** Fernando Alonso (Aston Martin), Esteban Ocon (Alpine).
Fifth: Nico Hulkenberg (Haas), Liam Lawson (AlphaTauri); **Sixth:** Max Verstappen (Red Bull), Pierre Gasly (Alpine).
Seventh: Sergio Perez (Red Bull), Alexander Albon (Williams); **Eighth:** Yuki Tsunoda (AlphaTauri), Valtteri Bottas (Alfa Romeo).
Ninth: Oscar Piastri (McLaren), Logan Sargeant (Williams); **10th row:** Zhou Guanyu (Alfa Romeo), Lance Stroll (Aston Martin).

Safety car and bike arrive at the venue

All in readiness: The safety car BMW M5 CS and safety bike BMW M 1000 RR at the Buddh International Circuit.

MOTO GP INDIA

Sports Bureau
GREATER NOIDA

Ahead of the inaugural IndianOil Grand Prix of India MotoGP race, the safety car and bike arrived at the Buddh International Circuit on Saturday. They landed in New Delhi via air freight and were transported to the venue in the early hours of the day.

Three safety cars, including a BMW M5CS, will be present at the venue during the races.

The rest of the safety cars – BMW M2 (G87), and BMW M3 touring will land at the venue on Sunday.

Its presence is essential to ensure prompt medical assistance in case of an incident on the opening lap. Additionally, the safety car is dispatched to assess track conditions when needed.

The safety bike – BMW M 1000 RR – will also be used during the race weekend at the Buddh International Circuit.

The safety car is positioned at the rear of the grid at the commencement of a race.

During the first lap of the race, it trails the riders before retreating into the pit lane.

FIA issues written warning to Marko over comments on Perez

Reuters
SINGAPORE

Formula One's governing body, FIA, issued a written warning to Red Bull's motorsport adviser Helmut Marko on Friday after the Austrian blamed the patchy form of the team's Mexican driver Sergio Perez on his ethnicity.

Marko, 80, apologised last week after referring to Perez as a "South American" who was less focused than dominant Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen or the team's now-retired champion Sebastian Vettel.

"We can confirm that Helmut Marko has received a written warning and been reminded of his responsibilities as a public figure in motor sport in line with the FIA Code of Ethics," said an FIA spokesman at the Singapore Grand Prix.

Perez said on Thursday that he had accepted a personal apology from Marko.

Peace treaty: Perez says he had accepted a personal apology from Marko, right. GETTY IMAGES

Abhimanyou stays in contention for bronze

WRESTLING

Sports Bureau

Abhimanyou remained in contention for a bronze medal in freestyle 70kg even after losing to American Zain Allen Retherford in the quarterfinals, on the opening day of the World wrestling championships in Belgrade on Saturday.

Fighting in the non-Olympic weight, Abhimanyou outclassed Ukraine's Ihor Nykyforuk 19-9 and Moldova's Nicolai Grahmez 13-2 before losing 9-2 to Retherford. If Retherford reaches the final, Abhomanyou will compete in the repechage matches.

Akash Dahiya (61kg), Sandeep Singh Mann (86kg) and Sumit (125kg) lost their respective second-round contests and could not make it to the repechage round.

The Indians competed under the United World Wrestling flag owing to the suspension of the Wrestling Federation of India.

Mysterious Angel is poised for a hat-trick

HYDERABAD: The four-year-old filly Mysterious Angel, who retains her form, is poised for a hat-trick in the Chief Minister's Cup, the feature event of Sunday's (Sept. 17) races.

1 GREEN HAVEN PLATE (1,200m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III) – 1.40 p.m.: 1. Deccan Ranger (6) Ajay Kumar 60, 2. Solar Princess (7) Sonu Kumar 60, 3. Star Cruise (1) A. Imran Khan 60, 4. Creative Art (4) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 58, 5. Blue Brigade (2) A.A. Vikrant 57.5, 6. Canterbury (8) B.R. Kumar 57.5, 7. Double Bonanza (5) Surya Prakash 57.5 and 8. Protocol (3) Md. Ismail 57.5.
1. STAR CRUISE,
2. DECCAN RANGER,
3. CANTERBURY

2 CHAITANYA CHAKRAM PLATE (1,400m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only, (Cat. II) – 2.15: 1. Ashwa Gajraj (7) B.R. Kumar 56, 2. Assured Success (4) P. Sai Kumar 56, 3. Decoy (5) Suraj Narredu 56, 4. Encore (11) Akshay Kumar 56, 5. Lucky Nine (2) Surya Prakash 56, 6. Tango Punch (8) Vivek G 56, 7. Alcahol Free (6) A.M. Tograllu 54.5, 8. Duck Hawk (10) Md. Ismail 54.5, 9. Exeter (1) G. Naresh 54.5, 10. Proud Girl (3) Mohit Singh 54.5 and 11. She's Magic (9) B. Nikhil 54.5.
1. ENCORE, 2. DECOY,
3. ASSURED SUCCESS

3 MANCHERIAL PLATE (Div. II) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 2.45: 1. Its On (8) B. Nikhil 60, 2. Only The Brave (2) Kiran Naidu 58.5, 3. Colt Pistol (4) Akshay Kumar 58, 4. Wandring Warrior (3) A.A. Vikrant 57, 5. Divine Connection (7) R.S. Jodha 54.5, 6. Ok Boss (5) G. Naresh 54.5, 7. Golden Inzio (6) P. Sai Kumar 52 and 8. Sweet Talk (1) S.K. Paswan 51.
1. ITS ON, 2. COLT PISTOL,
3. DIVINE CONNECTION

4 DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE CUP (Div. II) (1,600m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.15: 1. Miss Marvellous (6) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Galwan (8) Afroz Khan 57.5, 3. Thunderstruck (4) A.A. Vikrant 56.5, 4. Just Incredible (2) P. Sai Kumar 56, 5. Wallop And Gallop (3) P. Ajeeth Kumar 55, 6. Aurele (1) Vivek G 54.5, 7. Ice Berry (7) Md. Ekram Alam 52.5 and 8. Starwalt (5) Surya Prakash 52.
1. MISS MARVELLOUS,
2. WALLOP AND GALLOP,
3. THUNDERSTRUCK

5 DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE CUP (Div. I) (1,600m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.45: 1. Icicle (3) P. Sai Kumar 60, 2. Thanks (1) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 59, 3. Nightmare (8) Sonu Kumar 56.5, 4. Despang (2) Surya Prakash 56, 5. Team Player (6) Md. Ekram Alam 54.5, 6. Sun Dancer (5) Akshay Kumar 53.5, 7. Southern Act (4) Md. Ismail 53, 8. Aerial Combat (7) S.K. Paswan 50.5 and 9. Dream Station (9) B. Nikhil 50.5.
1. ICICLE,
2. DESPANG,
3. SUN DANCER

6 CHIEF MINISTER'S CUP (1,600m), rated 80 and above (Cat. I) – 4.15: 1. Watch My Stride (10) A. Imran Khan 62.5, 2. Mysterious Angel (11) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60.5, 3. Soloist (8) Shivansh 60.5, 4. Akido (1) Akshay Kumar 60, 5. New Look (7) B. Nikhil 59.5, 6. Kingston (4) R.S. Jodha 59, 7. Top Secret (2) Mohit Singh 58.5, 8. Yesterday (9) Surya Prakash 54, 9. Ashwa Morocco (6) Sonu Kumar 53, 10. Silverita (3) P. Sai Kumar 53 and 11. Makhtoob (5) S.K. Paswan 50.
1. MYSTERIOUS ANGEL,
2. ASHWA MOROCCO,
3. AKIDO

7 MANCHERIAL PLATE (Div. I) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 4.45: 1. Star Racer (3) A. Imran Khan 60, 2. Ambitious Star (9) R.S. Jodha 59, 3. Sangreal (4) P. Sai Kumar 58, 4. Char Ek Char (7) Surya Prakash 56.5, 5. Golden Forza (2) Kiran Naidu 56.5, 6. First Class (6) B. Nikhil 54, 7. Silver Lining (8) Afroz Khan 53, 8. Sound Echo (5) G. Naresh 52 and 9. Good Tidings (1) Ajay Kumar 51.
1. STAR RACER,
2. SANGREAL,
3. FIRST CLASS

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Tanala: All races.

AIFF comes out with a final list for the Asian Games

FOOTBALL

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
CHENNAI

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) finally cut the clutter to announce its final squad for the Asian Games – set to be played in Hangzhou, China, from September 19 to October 8, 2023 – when it named a 21-member team on Saturday.

The list had five changes from the one announced by the AIFF on September 13, with three central defenders, Sandesh Jhingan, Chinglensana Singh and Lalchungnunga, added to the squad. Rohit Danu replaced Liston Colaco and Dheeraj Singh Moiragthem replaced Vishal Yadav.

Naorem Mahesh Singh is another name awaiting medical clearance and might join the team if declared fit.

Though the Sports Ministry announced a very different list on Friday, the AIFF stuck to the core of the team, announced on September 13, to finalise the side for Hangzhou.

"It's a wonderful development that some experienced players have been added to the Asian Games squad, who will certainly help the cause of the team," Igor Stimac, India's head coach said.

The AIFF, in the last few weeks, has remained at loggerheads with the Indian Super League – which is organised by the Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL) – clubs to release their important players for the Asian Games.

The clubs have been reluctant as the Asian Games is outside the FIFA international window and they are not obligated to release their players for the same.

Doing so just before the ISL season would, naturally, make the teams vulnerable, with three sides – Mumbai City FC (AFC Champions League), Mohun Bagan Super Giant (AFC Cup) and Odisha FC (AFC Cup) – also playing continental tournaments.

The final list, thus, does not feature any key player from these three sides. Moreover, the ISL clubs which have released first-team players, have also requested some of their matches to be rescheduled.

FC Goa and Hyderabad FC, the teams of Jhingan and Chinglensana, respectively, have rescheduled their match for September 22 but the new date is yet to be confirmed. More match dates in the ISL are expected to change.

Key player: The presence of central defender Sandesh Jhingan will bolster the Indian squad. K. MURALI KUMAR

Poonacha & Escoffier duo makes the final of Rennes Challenger

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Niki Poonacha and Antoine Escoffier defeated top seeds Sadio Doiumbia and Fabien Reboul 7-5, 2-6, [10-7] in the doubles semifinals of the €118,000 Challenger tennis tournament at Rennes (France) on Saturday.

In the final, the Indo-French pair will play second seeds Sander Arends and David Pel of the Netherlands on Sunday.

In the doubles title clash of the $25,000 ITF men's event in Kigali (Rwanda), S.D. Prajwal Dev and Ishaque Eqbal missed three match points in the second set tie-breaker and lost 6-7 (5), 7-6(7), [10-7] to Nicholas Bybel and Eric Vanshelboim.

In the $15,000 ITF women's event in Monastir (Tunisia), Vaishnavi Adkar made the final and will challenge third seed Aruzhan Sagandikova of Kazakhstan.

The results:

€118,000 Challenger, Rennes:
Doubles, semifinals: Antoine Escoffier (Fra) & Niki Poonacha bt Sadio Doumbia & Fabien Reboul (Fra) 7-5, 2-6, [10-7].
$25,000 ITF men, Kigali: Doubles, final: Nicholas Bybel (USA) & Eric Vanshelboim (Ukr) bt S.D. Prajwal Dev & Ishaque Eqbal 6-7(5), 7-6(7), [10-7].
$15,000 ITF men, Monastir: Doubles, final: Niklas Schell (Ger) & Oscar Weightman (GBR) bt Cengiz Aksu (Tur) & Chirag Duhan 7-5, 6-2; **Women, semifinals:** Vaishnavi Adkar bt Elena Grekul (Ukr) 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.
$25,000 ITF women, Perth: Doubles, semifinals: Misaki Matsuda & Naho Sato (Jpn) bt Monique Barry (Nzl) & Shrivalli Bhamidipaty 3-6, 6-1, [10-7].

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Abhin and Keerthana crowned men's and women's 200m champions

B. Abhin and Keerthana Udupi were crowned the men's and women's 200m champions respectively in the Karnataka State athletics meet on Saturday.

The results:
Winners:
Men:
200m: B. Abhin (20.90s).
400m hurdles: M.D. Amarnath (52.95s).
Discus throw: Nagendra Naik (50.89m).
Long jump: S. Arya (7.86m).
5000m: P. Shivaji (14:57.8s).
Shot put: Rahul Kashyap (16.47m).
800m: Tushar Bhekane (1.53.08s).
Women: 200m: Keerthana Udupi (24.68s).
Long jump: V.S. Shridevika (5.80m).
Discus throw: Kalavathi Basappa (40.96m).
High jump: Pallavi Patil (1.60m).
800m: E.B. Arpitha (2:11.9s).
5000m: Chaitra Devadiga (17:59.0s).
400m hurdles: R.G. Deekshita (1:02.3s).

Narrow miss Elavenil and Sandeep

SHOOTING WORLD CUP

Sports Bureau

Elavenil Valarivan and Sandeep Singh shot 629.1 and missed the chance to fight for a medal by 0.5 points in mixed air rifle in the shooting World Cup in Rio.

The results: Mixed air rifle: 1. Germany 16 (629.7); 2. Hungary 12 (630.4); 3. Israel 16 (629.6); 4. Norway 14 (629.7); 5. India (Elavenil Valarivan, Sandeep Singh) 629.1.

Hangzhou Asian Games Village inaugurated

OCA acting director general Vinod Kumar Tiwari says the Village highlighted the solidarity and unity of the Olympic movement, a first of its kind in Asiad's history

Press Trust of India
HANGZHOU (CHINA)

Grand launch: The Asian Games Village was inaugurated on Saturday with just over a week for the opening ceremony.

The Hangzhou Asian Games Village was inaugurated here on Saturday with acting director general of the Olympic Council of Asia, Vinod Kumar Tiwari, describing it as "beautiful and outstanding" during the opening ceremony.

In front of government leaders and officials of the Hangzhou Asian Games Organising Committee, Tiwari said he had been visiting Hangzhou for eight years and had always been impressed with the plans and preparations for the 19th edition of the mega event.

He praised the "innovative" concept of the village, which will accommodate 20,000 people in three communities: Athletes' Village, Media Village and Technical Officials' Village.

"Now, just one week before the opening ceremony of the 19th Asian Games on September 23, I can see all your dreams have become reality - and we are standing here together in a truly magnificent Asian Games Village," he said.

"I would like to thank and congratulate HAGOC for all their hard work and dedication, and I wish all success to the Chinese delegation competing here in the 19th Asian Games."

He added that the Asian Games Village, by accommodating athletes, officials, technical officials and media, highlighted the solidarity and unity of the Olympic movement in Asia and said it was the first of its kind in the history of the Asian Games and even Olympic Games.

"The OCA is confident that all the guests will receive five-star treatment in terms of accommodation, dining, transportation and leisure activities," he added.

The VIP guests included Yao Gaoyuan, Mayor of Hangzhou and Vice President and Secretary General of HAGOC; Li Huolin, Director of the Standing Committee of Hangzhou Municipal People's Congress and Mayor of the Asian Games Village; and Sun Xudong, Vice Mayor of Hangzhou and Executive Mayor of the Asian Games Village.

Bayern's Kane says he has scope to improve his all-round play after Leverkusen draw

Agence France-Presse
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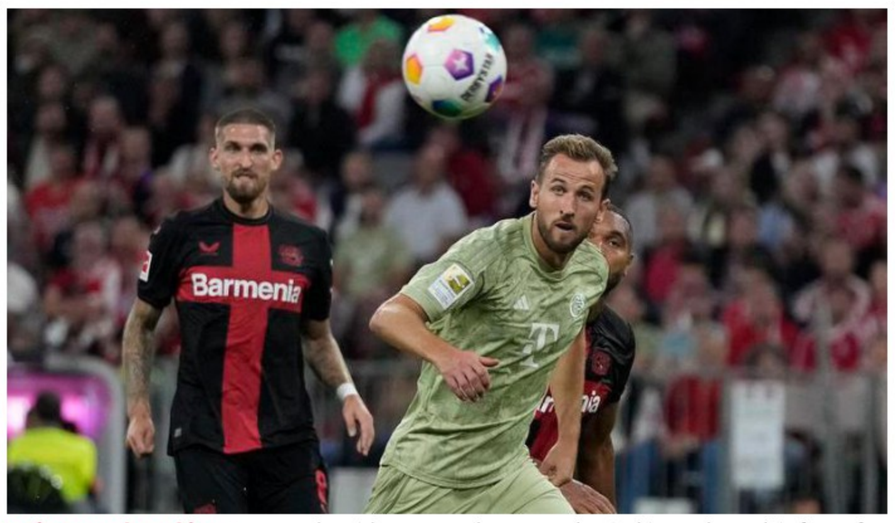


Not just a goal-machine: Kane says he wishes to contribute more despite his purple patch in front of the goal. AP

Bayern Munich striker Harry Kane said he "still had room to improve" after netting a fourth goal in four matches in his side's 2-2 home draw with Bayer Leverkusen on Friday.

Kane opened the scoring just seven minutes in. With a 2-1 lead, Bayern looked set for a fourth-straight victory before Exequiel Palacios scored an injury-time penalty to level the scores. Despite scoring again, Kane revealed he was still adapting to his new side, having made the move from Tottenham in August.

"Of course I'm always happy to score. Overall I'm still just getting to know the team, I think I can improve with my all-round play and it's going to come.

"I feel with every training session and every game, I'm getting to know my teammates more. As the season goes on, that'll become even stronger."

Despite saying "the draw was a fair result", Kane admitted "it always hurts when you concede like this in the last minute with this type of decision".

Bayern captain Thomas Mueller and coach Thomas Tuchel complained about the late decision, both calling the penalty "soft".

Kane's fourth goal takes him one behind Stuttgart's Serhou Guirassy on the Bundesliga scoring charts.

The England captain will make his Champions League debut for Bayern against Manchester United on Wednesday.

"It's going to be a really good game, a tough game, obviously Manchester United is a big team and have some quality players, so we'll need to prepare well.

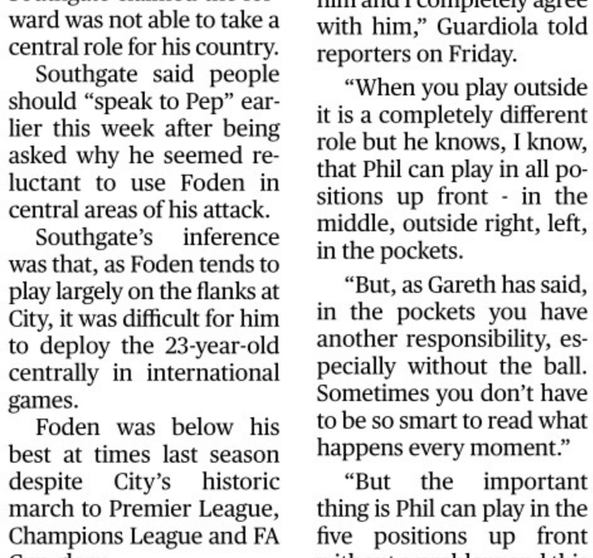
Atwal misses the cut

Press Trust of India
NAPA (USA)

Indian golfer Arjun Atwal found the going tough, carding a 74 following a first-round 77 to miss the cut at the season-opening Fortinet Championship on the PGA tour here.

Indian-American Sahith Theegala, who finished 31st in the FedEx Cup standings last season and missed the Tour Championships by a whisker, opened the new season in a spectacular manner. With a stunning 64 following up on his first round 68, Theegala looking for his maiden success on the PGA Tour, is now the joint leader with Korea's KH Kim (65, 67) at 12-under.

Kim, who will turn 25 on Sunday and hopes to get the victory. Another Asian, Sangmoon Bae of Korea, a two-time PGA Tour winner, was third with 67, 66 – one shot behind the leading duo in the first of seven re-imagined PGA Tour Fall events.



Versatile player: Guardiola backs Phil Foden to deliver for Manchester City. REUTERS

Guardiola backs Foden's role for Manchester City

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Pep Guardiola insists Phil Foden can play in a number of attacking positions for Manchester City after England boss Gareth Southgate claimed the forward was not able to take a central role for his country.

Southgate said people should "speak to Pep" earlier this week after being asked why he seemed reluctant to use Foden in central areas of his attack.

Southgate's inference was that, as Foden tends to play largely on the flanks at City, it was difficult for him to deploy the 23-year-old centrally in international games.

Foden was below his best at times last season despite City's historic march to Premier League, Champions League and FA Cup glory.

Quizzed about Foden's role for his team ahead of the treble winners' trip to West Ham this weekend, Guardiola expressed support for his player.

"I have an incredible relationship with Gareth. A comment from me? It looks like I disagree with him and I completely agree with him," Guardiola told reporters on Friday.

"When you play outside it is a completely different role but he knows, I know, that Phil can play in all positions up front - in the middle, outside right, left, in the pockets.

"But, as Gareth has said, in the pockets you have another responsibility, especially without the ball. Sometimes you don't have to be so smart to read what happens every moment."

"But the important thing is Phil can play in the five positions up front without a problem and this is a big, big advantage for him."

INBRIEF

Italian World Cup winner Grosso appointed Lyon coach

Former World Cup winner Fabio Grosso of Italy has been appointed coach of Ligue 1's bottom side Lyon, replacing the sacked Laurent Blanc, the French club announced on Saturday. Grosso returns to Lyon where he played as a left-back for two years, winning the Ligue 1 and French Cup double in 2008.

Vikas Katyal is Indian team manager for Australia series

Former Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA) director Vikas Katyal has been appointed manager of the Indian cricket team for the upcoming three-match ODI series against Australia. Katyal is also expected to do administrative duties for the five-match T20I series between the two teams set to be played immediately after the World Cup. In 2022, Katyal also travelled to the West Indies as the administrative manager of the Indian team.

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